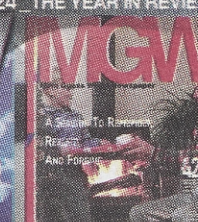
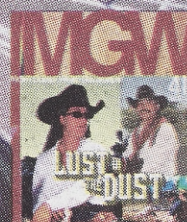
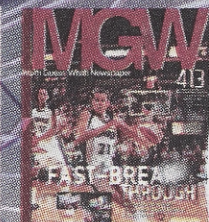
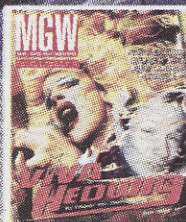
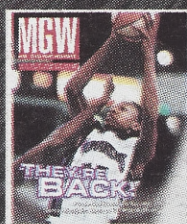
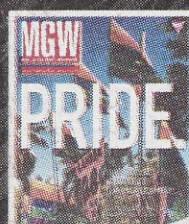
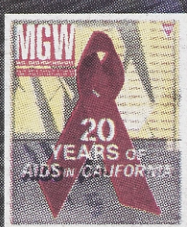
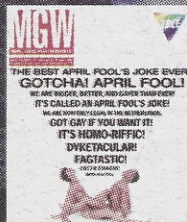


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It came to pass that an evil cloud descended from the Northern Germanic Lands. It blocked the light of the star that was guiding Garius and Willizar to the Great Birthday party. The lost Magi wander the desert (but not for forty years like their Hebraic relatives) until reaching Casablanca. Exhausted they asked, The Prefect of the Law and Order Legions, Claudeus Rainus, "Where might we rest and take nourishment?" Claudeus said unto them, "Go unto Rickus' American Café because everyone goes to Rickus." He took leave for he had to be about his business of rounding up the usual suspects.

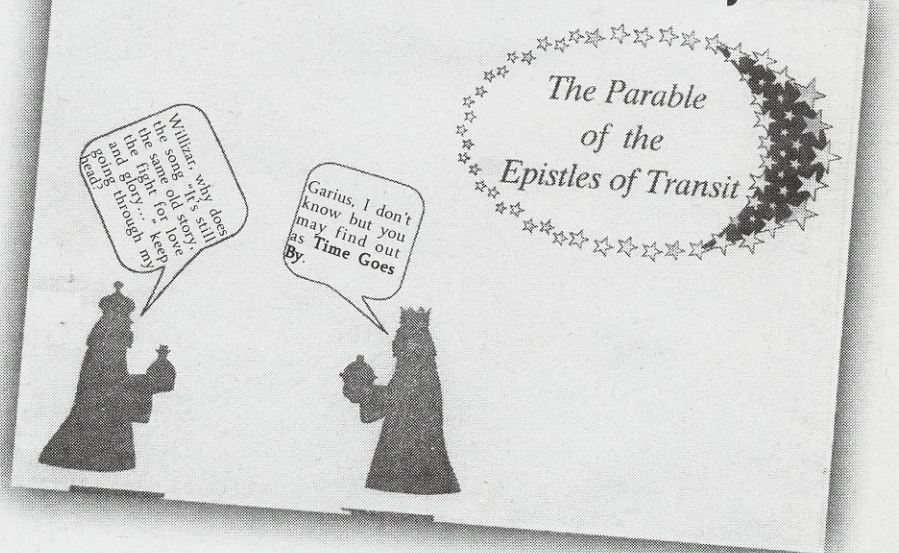
The Shamans sought out the café and took refuge with a couple, Victor and Ilsa Laszlo-Blatt, who had journeyed from Gaul and shared their table. As the

desert duo refreshed themselves Garius inquired of Ilsa, "How might we join a caravan and go forth to the Great Birthday Party?"

Ilsa saith, "The way is bared by the heinous King Herod Strasser and as **Time Goes By** it is more difficult to depart. The only way to exit is to obtain epistles of transit signed by Caesar Augustus for they may not be rescinded." Two such documents had just disappeared. Victor was trying to obtain the letters that he and Ilsa might take flight and seek safety on the Iberian Peninsula and proceed on to Miami Beach for the Holidays (The Flight into Egypt was already fully booked). It was rumored that Rickus had the epistles.

Now, Rickus entered and said unto the assembled, "Of all the Juniper Berry joints in all the towns in all the (known) world why did these Magi have to walk into mine?" (It is well known that Garius and Willizar frequent such Juniper Berry joints). Rickus inquired, "Why are you not at the Great Birthday Party?" Garius

Garius + Willis' Holiday Card !!



replied, "Our caravan lost its way and we have no travel documents to proceed. Might you have some laying around?"

Rickus said unto them, "If you use the epistles of transit you may not regret it today or tomorrow but someday you will and for the rest of your life. There are others more in need of the documents. It is not better to giveth than receiveth, besides they're not even business class letters?"

Garius and Willizar looked upon one another and said, "We do have more shopping to do and the Hanukkah Sales have just started.

Give the epistles to Ilsa and Victor." Whereon the heavens cleared and the star spoke, "Here's looking at you kids." The star once again showed the way for the Viziers. Garius and Willizar rejoiced and said unto Rickus, "Come join us, this could be the beginning of a beautiful shopping friendship."

So it is written. So it shall be. But it shall not be colorized.

Willizar + Garius

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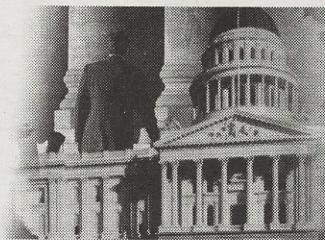
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CAPE Counts Several Victories

In End Of The Year Wrap Up

BY ERIC ASTACAAN
MGW GUEST WRITER

In contrast to the anemic environment of last year, 2001 gave us a number of legislative victories to celebrate. Several measures were enacted that positively affect LGBT Californians. Bills signed by Governor Gray Davis into law will take effect Tuesday, January 1, 2002.

Gay & Lesbian Families

Governor Davis signed into law AB 25, which was sponsored by California Alliance for Pride and Equality (CAPE) and authored by Assembly Member Carole Migden. This bill expands current domestic partner law, giving registered LGBT couples and senior opposite-sex couples many legal and financial tools to make critical decisions on each other's behalf. Another bill, SB 410, was also enacted, permitting San Mateo County to extend death benefits and survivor's allowances to the surviving domestic partners of county employees.

This year also marked the first time that a civil union bill was introduced in the California Legislature. AB 1338, by Assembly Member Paul Koretz, would establish civil unions for same-sex couples that would provide comparable rights, protections, benefits, and responsibilities currently afforded to different-sex couples by California's marriage laws. To engage the general public about this issue, Assembly Member Koretz, in partnership with other legislators and various organizations including CAPE, ACLU, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, and the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center, held town hall meetings in Oakland and San Diego. In addition, the Assembly Judiciary Committee conducted two informational hearings, the first one in the State Capitol on October 24 and the second one at the Los Angeles City Council Chambers on November 5.

Employment Anti-Discrimination & Harassment Policies

AB 1015 and AB 1475 received approval from the Governor as

well. AB 1015 expands existing prohibitions against discrimination to make employers aware that they cannot fire or refuse to hire an applicant on the basis of lawful activities that are not work related. Employees and applicants who engage in lawful conduct, occurring during non-working hours away from the employers' premises will be protected from discrimination. AB 1475 extends the harassment prohibition to rank-and-file employees of religious-based hospitals.

Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg's gender nondiscrimination bill, AB 1649, was turned into a two-year bill and can be taken up for a Senate floor vote next year if need be. This bill has enabled CAPE, Employment Law Center, Lambda Legal, NCLR, and San Francisco Human Rights Commission in partnership with Goldberg's and Senator Sheila Kuehl's offices to work with the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing. New administrative procedures will be created to enforce the prohibition on gender-based discrimination.

Transgender Rights

AB 194, authored by Assembly Member John Longville, would have extended California's ability to issue new birth certificates to post-operative transsexuals who were born in California but now live out-of-state. Governor Davis vetoed this bill.

Hate Crimes Prosecution

As approved by the Governor under AB 276, the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) will now have two years, instead of one, to investigate a complaint alleging a violation of Civil Code section 51.7, the Ralph Civil Rights Act (pertaining to hate violence), before issuing an accusation letter.

School Safety

The Governor also signed into law Senator Kuehl's two measures, Senate Bills 225 and 257, which strengthen our schools' anti-discrimination and harassment policies. Under SB 225, interscholastic athletic activities are prohibited from discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation and gender identity. It also requires the California Interscholastic Federation to provide information to parents and students re-

garding the process for resolution of discrimination complaints arising out of interscholastic athletic activities.

SB 257 adds hate crimes to the list of issues to be addressed in interagency safe schools programs established under the School/Law Enforcement Partnership. This bill also requires comprehensive school safety plans to include development of an anti-discrimination and harassment policy, and the development of hate crime reporting procedures.

HIV & AIDS

Assembly Member Migden's AB 1263 authorizes the State Department of Health Services to participate in a research project with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop criteria for training non-laboratory personnel to provide Rapid HIV tests and counseling in a single visit. Governor Davis signed this bill into law.

CAPE supported another bill, AB 937, but it was rejected by Governor Davis. Written by Assembly Member Koretz, it would have required all health service plans to make adequate capitated reimbursement rates available to medical providers serving privately insured and Medi-Cal patients with HIV. ▼

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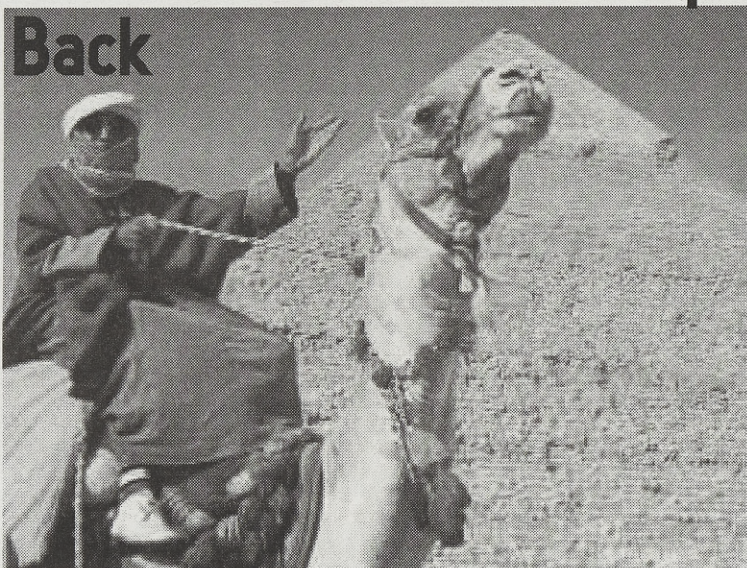
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Egypt Makes One Step Forward And Two Steps Back



CAIRO, EGYPT – Within a two day period, the court released a teenager who was accused of homosexual conduct from prison but two university students were sentenced to a year in prison for allegedly advertising homosexual contacts on the internet. The men were tried in the misdemeanor court in Boulak, a suburb of Cairo, and accused of turning their apartment into a "den of perversion."

State-controlled daily newspaper Al Ahram reported on December 19 that the students were convicted for setting up a website that offered gay sex for money. A security agent posing as a gay man

arranged a meeting where the two were arrested. Independent investigators have not confirmed the charges.

The teen was one of the infamous "Cairo 52." Since he was a minor at the time of his arrest, he was tried in a separate court from the other accused men. He received the maximum sentence of three years in prison followed by three years probation. His sentence was appealed and reduced to six months in prison and six months probation. Since he was jailed more than six months ago, he was released to serve probation. ▼

Info. 415-255-8680, iglhr.org

Court Clarifies Second Parent Adoption Ruling

SAN DIEGO, CA – A state appellate court clarified a previous ruling that may have prohibited second parent adoptions for same sex couples. The Court refused to review its ruling but language that implied the adoptions were illegal was removed from the judgement. The Court stated that the validity of second parent adoptions was not questioned, so the ruling should not affect children adopted in the state. ▼

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GLSEN Counts Over 1,000 Gay-Straight Alliances Nationwide



NEW YORK CITY, NY – Two years after California students filed a lawsuit against the Orange County Unified School District to allow their gay-straight alliance (GSA) to meet, there are now over 1,000 similar clubs at schools across the country. Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) stated that the number of groups they have registered has almost tripled since.

Even though the federal Equal Access Act guarantees students the right to hold GSA meetings, GSAs exist in only approximately one of fifteen high schools. Also students report a lack of support and often hostility from other students or faculty. School libraries still tend to lack supportive and educational materials. GLSEN responded to these problems by establishing a Student Organizing Department to assist the Field Department in providing GSA resources.

"In the near absence of support from school administration and teachers, students are taking the lead to educate their peers and make schools safe places for all," said **Kevin Jennings**, GLSEN executive director. ▼

Info. 212-727-0135, glsen.org

Oral Roberts University Group Seeks Alumni Lost To HIV

TULSA, OK – **ORU-OUT**, the association of over 200 GLBT alumni of Oral Roberts University (ORU), is seeking the assistance in locating alumni and associates who have died from HIV, AIDS, or related complications. ORU-OUT plans to dedicate a Names Project Quilt during Homecoming weekend in early February. Since October, ORU-OUT has identified eighteen alumni, associates, and faculty that died from HIV or AIDS.

"Over the past two decades we have lost many friends to HIV and AIDS. For too long fear and hate created a shroud of secrecy and caused many to carry the burden of living with HIV all alone," said ORU-OUT president **Jeff McKissack**. "This year, at Homecoming, ORU-OUT will pull away this shroud of secrecy and remember those that the ORU community has lost to AIDS." ▼

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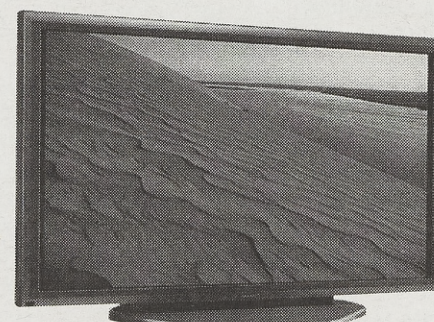
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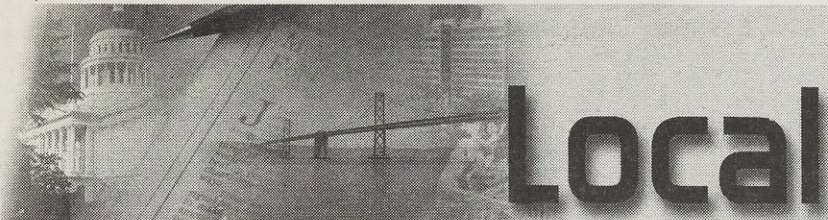
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Mayor Fargo Swears In New Lambda Board



Mayor Heather Fargo swore in the Lambda Center's new board of directors at the community center's tree lighting ceremony on December 15. The new board includes Thomas Smith, Larry Gorton, Marghie Covino, and Mitch Guet. ▼

Info. 442-0185

Spend An Elegant Evening With Your Pet



Critter Lovers at Work (CLAW), a volunteer fundraising arm of the San Francisco Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), will host their annual Bark and Whine Ball on Thursday, March 7-10:30pm at San Francisco Gift Center (888 Brannan Street). Proceeds from the event will benefit the Cinderella Fund's rehabilitation programs for cats and dogs. ▼

Info. 415-522-3535, barkandwhine.org

Missing Activist Perished In Car Accident



Police believe Mandy Schultz died in a car accident shortly after she was last seen September 21.

SAN DIEGO, CA — Activist Mandy Schultz, who disappeared from her home on September 21, was found dead in a ravine off Highway 67. She apparently lost control of her Honda SUV and rolled nearly 100 feet down an embankment. She was not wearing a seatbelt when the accident occurred and was ejected from the truck. Her body was found October 29 by a Caltrans crew on an unrelated assignment. Besides serving as executive director of San Diego Pride, Schultz assisted in organizing the city's Dyke March, wrote for the *Gay and Lesbian Times*, and worked at Club Bom Bay, a women's bar. ▼

Info. 619-364-6845, 619-297-7683, sd-pride.org

LLACE Continues Reclaiming History Program

SACRAMENTO, CA - Lavender Library, Archives, and Cultural Exchange (LLACE) will host speakers Jamison Green, M.F.A. and Susan Stryker, Ph.D. on Sunday, January 13 at 2pm. The topic of the lecture is "Trans History: Why Put The 'T' In LGBT?" LLACE is located at 1414 21st Street.

Green is a writer, public speaker, and advocate for transgender and transsexual people. He is the founder and former president of Female to Male International and has appeared in six documentary films.

Stryker is the current president of the board of directors of the GLBT Historical Society of Northern California. She has published more than fifty articles on sexuality and is the co-author of *Gay By The Bay: A History Of Queer Culture In The San Francisco Bay Area*. *Queer Pulp*, her latest book, offers a living history of LGBT paperback books. ▼

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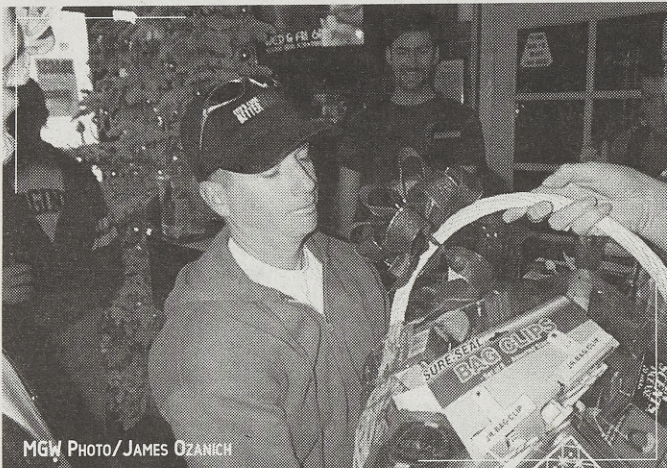
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SVL Tops A Thousand Pancakes At Breakfast Fundraiser



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Sacramento Valley Leathermen (SVL) sold their 1,000th meal on December 2 at their monthly pancake breakfast fundraiser. The next pancake breakfast will be held Sunday, January 6, 2002 at Faces (2000 K Street) from 10:30am-1pm. Proceeds benefit local non-profit service organizations. ▼

Info. 338-3760, svl_club@yahoo.com

SF Pride Grants And Finances Flourish

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — In spite of the general economic downturn, the 2001 San Francisco Pride Parade and Celebration produced the best ever result for the community. After making grants to community organizations totaling \$114,388, up 46% from the prior year, the Pride Committee's audited financial statements show a surplus of \$34,273. For the first time ever in the history of the event, net reserves are over \$100,000.

Pride President Joshua Smith said, "This is a remarkable achievement. Not only are the community groups who receive grants able to continue their work but, through fiscal responsibility, we have built a solid and secure base for the future."

The accounts show that total revenue and support has grown over the past five years from \$512,000 to \$2.58 million, an increase of over 500%.

San Francisco Pride 2002 takes place June 29-30. The event theme is "Be Yourself, Change The World." ▼

Info. 415-864 0831, sfpride.org

Capital Unity Council Seeks New Team Members

SACRAMENTO, CA — Capital Unity Council (CUC) is seeking thirty individuals who reside, work, or go to school in Sacramento County, as well as five individuals from surrounding counties to participate in the Capital Unity Council Unity Team Program. Participants should have an interest in non-discriminations and the celebration of all people. The intent of the Unity Team is to foster respect and reduce bias and discrimination in our communities.

Participants are required to attend all training sessions and co-lead four dialogues during the year. CUC will provide supervision and support to. Both the training and program are free.

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BY ED KELLEY
MGW STAFF

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION AND WILL YOU FOLLOW THROUGH WITH IT?



Sahsha Elise
Sacramento
Exotic Plants

To quit smoking. It has been four years since I started and number four is my favorite number. I'm following through with meditation and exchange of activities and dedication.



Thomas Smith
Sacramento
Science Instructor

My New Year's resolution is to become involved in the community. I volunteered to join the board of directors of the Lambda Community Fund. I will be writing grants and working on new programs for gay and lesbian youth.



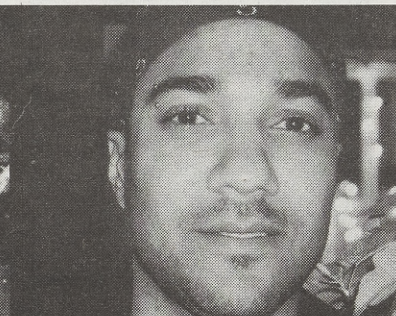
Scott Brozek
Sacramento
Military Snow Show Contracts

My goal is to lose sixty pounds and eat healthier. I want to start exercising more and working at the Lambda Café.



Nyla Angelian
Sacramento
WEAVE Staff Member

I want to help more people in need especially gays and lesbians. I want to make everyone more aware of transgender people. I will follow through by volunteering at various organizations.



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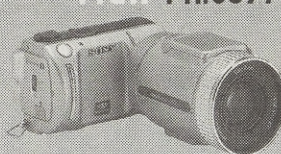


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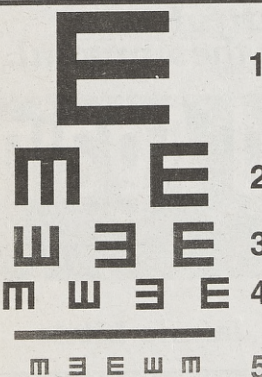
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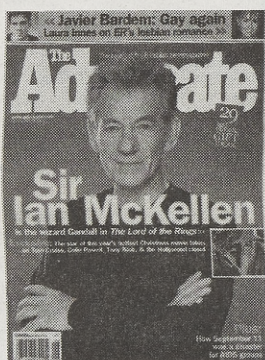


A & U

December 2001

Info. curvemag.com

Ruby Comer interviews performer Kelly Danyluk. Aaron Krach reminisces about life before September 11. Advice columnist Danny Gale suggests that a reader volunteer to support HIV and AIDS service organizations. Patricia Nell Warren hopes AIDS returns to media attention soon. Rhomyly B. Forbes interviews artist Rene Capone. Mathilde Krim, Ph.D. discusses research with Dale Reynolds.



The Advocate

December 25, 2001

Info. 800-827-0561, advocate.com

John Templeton muses over the life he's created for himself and his partner, John Siegel. Erik Meers covers social service organization's ongoing fundraising issues. Victoria Scanlan Stefanakos covers the tragic suicide of a teenage boy after police threaten to out him, and his parents' resulting lawsuit. Brice C. Steele interviews The Lord of the Rings star Sir Ian McKellen. ER's Laura Innes discusses love and broken hearts with Michele Kort. Larry Flick reviews Kylie Minogue's new album, Fever.



andBaby

December 2001/January 2002

Info. 866-AND-BABY, andbaby-mag.com

The third issue of andBaby features an interview with celebrity mom Melissa Etheridge. Holly St. Lifer provides tips to help parents teach their children media literacy. Ashley Simpson interviewed Baby Om founders Laura Staton and Sarah Perron. DeAnne Mulsolf Crouch wants every family to get along this holiday season. Elizabeth Karlsberg covers advances in pediatric AIDS care.

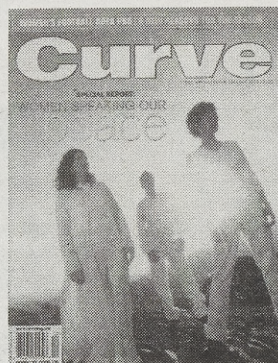


Bitch

Issue Number 14.

Info. 811-21-BITCH, bitch-magazine.com

No this isn't the original Bitch Magazine that Lori Twersky founded in 1985. The new Bitch is still a feminist mag, but it's even a little better than its predecessor. The Music Issue features a brilliant article by African American metal head Keidra Chaney and interviews with Carol Queen, Ghost World's Dan Clowes, and Mr. Lady Records founders Tammy Rae Carland and Kaia Wilson. When writer Carly Milne was groped by a slimy rap band's manager, she fought back and lived to tell the tale. Dara Greenwald, Marisa Meltzer, and Andi Zeisler cover women's music festivals.

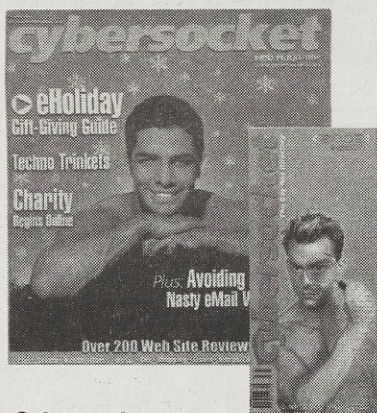


Curve

December 2001, Volume 11 #8

Info. 800-705-0070, curvemag.com

Fairy Butch advises a disabled woman to get out of her shell. Diane Andreson-Minshall reviews Female Convict Scorpion, Tweaked, and Unknown Friend. Katie Szymanski interviews bi-national couple Leslie Bulbuk and Marta Donayre on their fight against Congress and INS. Stephanie McCreary and Julie Adamo help readers reinvent the holidays. Gretchen Lee interviews women on both sides of the war in Afghanistan and ladies leading the peace movement.



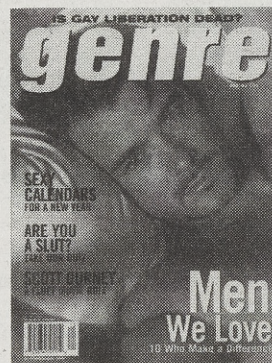
Cybersocket

Issue 36, November/December 2001

Info. 323-650-9906, cybersocket.com

The ultimate LGBT web geek conference is coming! Cybersocket will host the second annual Gay Web Awards Show in Las Vegas, Nevada in January 2002. Webmasters from all over the world will be in attendance making it a must for networking internet professionals. Their holiday issue is packed with information on online shopping, gift ideas,

and even job hunting tips. Thomas Terranova advises readers to avoid computer viruses. Daniel Kaufman covers ski holidays. The 2002 edition of Cybersocket's Gay Net Directory is available at book stores now.



Genre

Issue 99, December 2001

Info. 888-576-9933, genremagazine.com

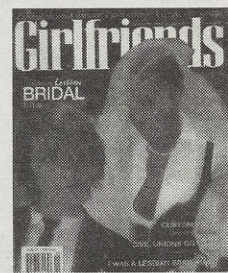
Gift ideas ranging from 3-D nude postcards to Cheap Slut hand soap are offered. Andy Jones reviews Iron Ladies, Fluffer, and Borstal Boy. Mark Griffin interviews New York Times theatre critic Ben Brantley. Steven M. Housman discusses Jade Esteban Estrada's Passions. The ninth annual Men We Love lists includes entertainer Lady Bunny, former politician Steve May, director Alan Ball, writer and composer Jerry Herman, and September 11 hero Mark Bingham. Ryan Gierach mourns the death of gay liberation.

Girlfriends

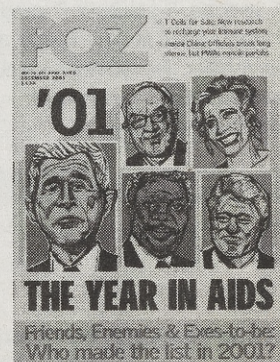
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Info. 800-GRLFRND, girlfriendsmag.com

The third annual lesbian bridal issue features legal and fashion advice for wives and brides-to-be. Ann Rostow recognizes California's legislature for passing AB 25. Suzanna Danuta Walters isn't convinced that legalizing same sex marriage is the answer. Chris-



tianne Walker was a lesbian bridesmaid and lived to tell. Laura Fererico reviews Here Comes the Bride: Women, Weddings, and the Marriage Mystique and Young Wives' Tales: New Adventures in Love and Partnership. Jen Phillips helps readers plan a ceremony that reflects who they are.

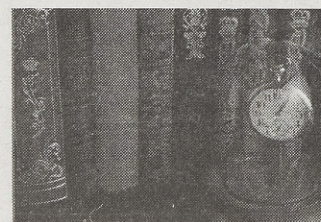


Poz

December 2001

Info. 800-9-READ-POZ, poz.com

HIV-positive man David Welch had, literally, a change of heart after suffering acute heart failure and receiving a transplant. Officials in Washington continue to debate name reporting for people that test positive for HIV. Bob Lederer explores the possibility that polio vaccinated monkeys led to human HIV infection. Former Navy sailor and San Diego AIDS Walk team captain Gary Norton lost a twelve-year battle with AIDS on October 9.



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Opinion

Kicked To The Curb By

BY GLENN LE CARL
MGW GUEST WRITER

Michael Warner observed recently in the *Village Voice Literary Supplement* that, "we have become spectators to our own movement." A quick look at the conduct of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) over the past year illustrates just how true this is for homeless LGBT youth.

A shocking pattern of neglect readily emerges. In 2001, our leading community advocacy organizations continued a long-standing trend by pouring their vast resources primarily into other issues and activities — such as domestic partner benefits, marriage rights, workplace equality, adoption rights, hate crimes, ballot initiatives, and community organizing — literally at the expense of our homeless youth.

HRC's response to the September 11th tragedy offers a case in point. HRC is correct to fight for the rights of affected LGBT families, and HRC's creation of a special relief fund was admirable. Yet, thousands of LGBT youth call the streets of New York and other American cities "home," and the death toll from this crisis continues to mount. These youths have no slice of \$1 billion to claim. Many don't even have a place to their head at night. When does HRC fight for their rights, or for their lives?

Considering the fundraising letter I recently received from HRC — no time soon. Reading it in fact, if you didn't know otherwise, you would never even guess that a large-scale and deadly crisis afflicts the youth in our commu-

HRC And NGLTF

nity. HRC, it begins, "works to end discrimination, secure equal rights, and protect the health and safety of all Americans..." Surely a resolute effort to address homelessness among LGBT youth falls well within this mission.

Not according to the recently announced HRC Equality Fund Grants for 2001 however. Out of \$104,000 awarded, only about \$20,000 (and only in part) went to any LGBT youth related efforts, and none went toward efforts benefiting homeless youth.

HRC's impending purchase of a \$10 million building for its headquarters in Washington, D.C., one that will require \$10-12 million more in renovations, presents therefore a particularly grievous irony. Within this context of neglect and while countless thousands of our youth remain homeless, HRC is buying itself an expensive new home.

That, by some estimates, LGBT youth represent at least 20-40% of homeless youth, places this neglect further into perspective. When you consider the staggering number of youths overall — some sources say 500,000 to 1.5 million — who run away or are forced from their homes each year, the crisis facing LGBT youth becomes self-evident.

Compounding this tragedy is the often hostile environment LGBT youth face at homeless and runaway shelters. Few exist that are geared to their needs. Consequently, many youths must resort to

prostitution to survive, which profoundly increases their risk of contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Each night on the streets also places these kids at further risk of violence, drug and alcohol addiction, and suicide.

NGLTF's record over the past year appears equally dismal. The group's National Policy Roundtable convened last spring, "to provide a forum for discussion, strategic thinking, information sharing, and development of collaborative projects." Surely, when the leaders of our community gather with such a heady mission, this crisis of homelessness among our youth would be near the top of the agenda — or at least on it. Not so, according to the press release issued at its conclusion.

This trend continued through the year. Absent as well from the agenda of the group's recent Creating Change Conference, billed as "the National Conference for the GLBT Movement," was any mention of homeless youth. According to the press release: "Creating Change consists of eight day-long pre-conference institutes, four plenary sessions, more than 150 workshops, seminars, caucuses, and networking sessions." Doesn't

NGLTF consider this deadly crisis worthy of even one workshop, let alone a conference?

Amazingly, out of approximately seventy press releases posted on the group's website this year, only a handful are LGBT youth related and none are related to this crisis. Wow!

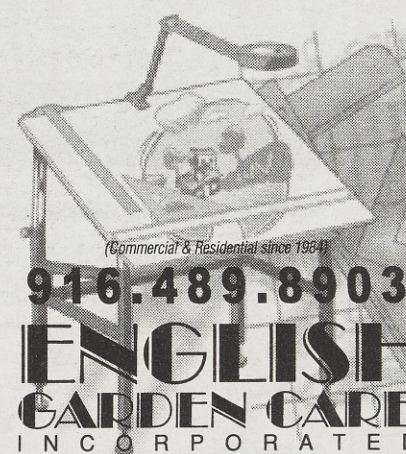
Though snapshots, together these facts and figures do present a startling picture. HRC and NGLTF have inexplicably abandoned homeless LGBT youth to their fate. While their efforts this year in other areas

may indirectly benefit LGBT youth, it is true; the reverse may also be true. Many more are at risk of becoming homeless because they are being raised within intolerant homes, churches, schools, and communities where they remain most vulnerable to the backlash progress brings. And as winter closes in around the nation, the plight of those already homeless becomes only more acute — and more deadly.

Intentionally or not, Warner spoke poignantly to their alienation. Having been kicked to the curb by HRC and NGLTF, our youth on America's streets would have difficulty catching even a glimpse of our "movement!"

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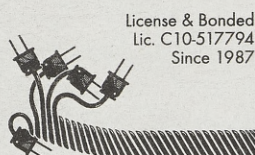
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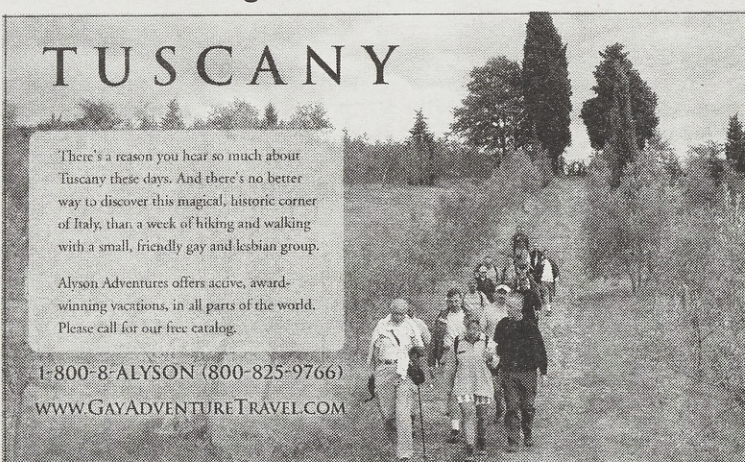
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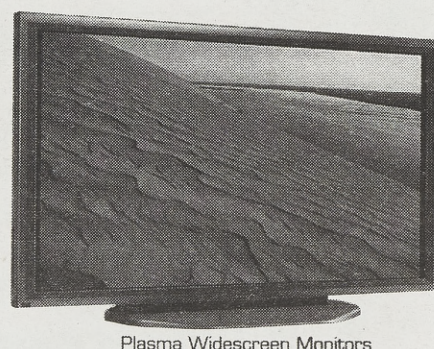
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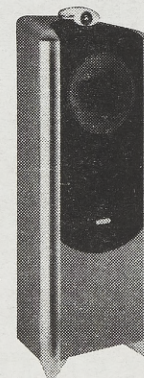
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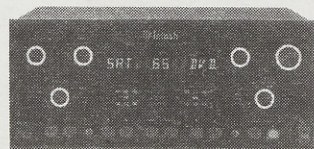
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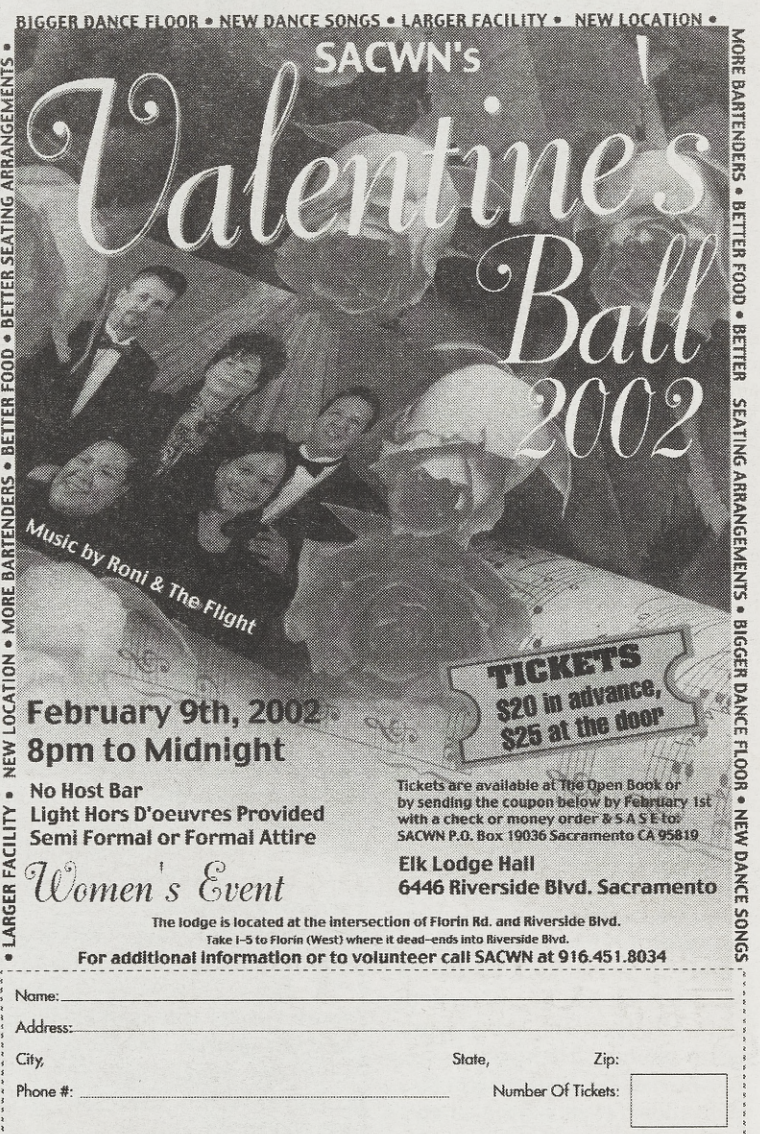
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2001: A Year Of Great Food

BY RANDY HARTLEY
FOOD & WINE EDITOR

Two thousand-one was a mixed year for newly opened and established restaurants. Before September 11, business was a little slower because of the sluggish economy and media's attention to California's blackouts that kept tourists from traveling to our golden state. The terrible tragedy of September 11 that also sent our economy into recession cut deeply into the airline, lodging, and restaurant business not only in Sacramento, but through out the world.

For the few exceptional restaurants, business is generally still very good, especially in Midtown and Roseville. Business in many other establishments is down, however fast food restaurants and pizza parlors are still doing well overall.

We are always anxious to try a new dining experience and our choices are getting better and more varied. We grow much more sophisticated in our appreciation of well-prepared food. These days

a restaurant must be exceptional to satisfy our educated palates.

In the past, American food meant basic comfort food. Now with professional chefs trained in classic French cuisine and infusing other types of world cooking and the bounty of locally grown fresh ingredients American food can be anything from a great meat loaf to a sophisticated lamb, pasta, or seafood creation.

Our grocery stores continue to add many gourmet and top quality convenience items. For harder to find items and gourmet take out food we have **Corti Brothers**, **David Berkley**, **William Glen, Italian Importing Company**, and **Trader Joe's**. There are public markets and specialty wine shops to choose from. Even **Safeway** carries most of the fresh items we need for a gourmet meal. Although, you can't beat **Corti Brothers** or **David Berkley** for their excellent choices of wines from around the world.

From a diner to up scale gourmet, the Sacramento area continues to come into its own with outstanding restaurants! Despite the current economic climate, I think that we can look forward to another great year of culinary adventures as business progressively returns to normal.

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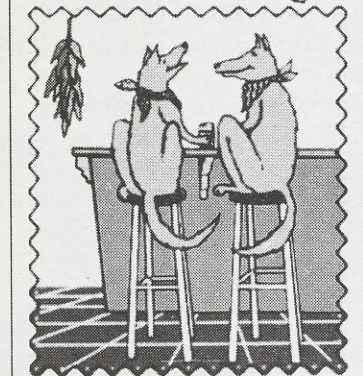
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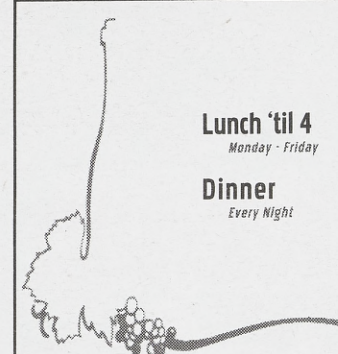
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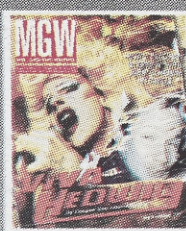
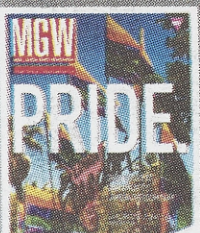
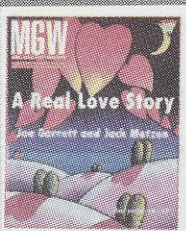
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January 1

The real millennium began...The Boy Scouts and Laura Schlessinger were relatively new bad guys...Rev. Brent Hawkes at Metropolitan Community Church in Toronto, Canada legally married a same sex couple under Section 5 of the Ontario Marriage Act...Randy Hartley selected Aioli, Moxie, and Rio City Café as the best restaurants of 2000...Billy Elliot starring Jamie Bell received rave reviews...Lesbian physician Dr. Dawn Diya Gore passed away...

January 15

San Francisco Opera opened their 2001/2002 season with Arshak II (Arsace II) and Samson Et Dalila...George W. Bush's nomination of Tommy Thompson as Secretary of Health and Human Services concerned many...San Francisco Pride sought nominations for Grand Marshal...Public outcry over the nomination of John Ashcroft for Attorney General began to gather steam...Robert Winter's art was displayed at the Lambda Center...MTV took a seventeen hour break from its regular programming to educate viewers about hate crimes...The campaign against Laura Schlessinger succeeded in forcing television networks nationwide to move her program to graveyard slots...Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon was new in movie theatres...

February 1

Jack Metzen shared his love story with readers...Thousands worldwide protested the Supreme Court's selection of George W. Bush's for President...Matt Broderick starred in You Can Count On Me...MGW photographer Mike Ward held an exhibit at The Urban Herbalist...The community remembered Lori Jaeger, who passed in January...

February 15

Michael Himovitz Gallery featured "The World From A Gay Perspective"...GLSEN planned a national push to oust Boy Scouts of America from public schools...Lambda Players presented Standing In The Shadows...Los Angeles became the home of The Wall - Las Memorias, an HIV and AIDS memorial...Leather and Lace Motorcycle Club planned their twenty year reunion...Female boxer Elisa Olson rocked Arco Arena...MGW writer Kathi Brown-

Favrot recommended The Diary of Baby Chulo by Frankie Barrera...Kimpton Group Hotels offered pet friendly travel packages...

March 1

Marriage Equality chapters nationwide protested the ban on same sex marriages on Valentine's Day...Valley Knights elected new officers...Assembly Member Carole Migden introduced AB 276, hate crime legislation sponsored by Governor Gray Davis...Lavender Library was vandalized and robbed by an unknown individual...Twilight Players Club began their spring session...

March 15

Assembly Member Paul Koretz announced AB 1338, a bill designed to protect all California families...All Our Families Coalition held their third annual GLBT Family Awareness Week...Debate over Charitable Choice began...Texas Senate Committee

continued her work to advance Sharon Smith's case...Susan Simpkin and Karen Adler celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary...Tret Fure performed in Sacramento...

April 15

Same sex marriage is legalized in Netherlands...Maryland became the twelfth state to pass civil rights legislation...The State Assembly Health Committee passed AB 194, a bill that amended to state law to aid transsexuals...A Texas Court of Appeals upheld a sodomy conviction against John Lawrence and Tyron Garner...The Sacramento Chapter of National Organization for Women (NOW) held their annual conference at Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn...

May 1

Laura Schlessinger's talk show was cancelled completely...AHMNP became the first LGBT social service organization created in Panama...Leather and Lace Motorcycle

The Year In

BY NICOLE MASHAFI
MGW STAFF

passed the James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Bill...Rhode Island Representative Nancy Hetherington came out as a lesbian...United Way passed a non-discrimination resolution that included sexual orientation...Transsexual activist and former high school teacher Dana Rivers joined GLSEN's board of directors...Juan Ramos, openly gay man, earned the Secretary of State's Employee of the Year Award...

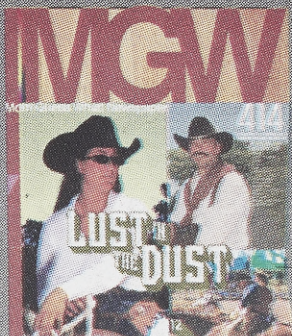
April 1

Ray Tretheway announced his intention to run for District One City Council...California Department of Motor Vehicles implemented a new program to assist transsexuals...Assembly Member Carole Migden con-

Club elected new officers...Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon were among hundreds of women and men to attend NOW's annual state conference...The Land Park Gay and Lesbian Association hosted a fundraising reception for Assembly Member Darrel Steinberg...Penny Whipple-Kelly, mother of Diane Whipple, filed suit against the owners of two dogs that killed her daughter...Valley Knights Motorcycle Club celebrated their twenty-five year anniversary...

May 15

MGW AIDS and HIV Editor Sonya Cox heralded the twentieth anniversary of AIDS in California...The James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Bill passed the Texas House of Rep-



representatives...Gay Financial Network released its fifty most powerful GLBT-friendly corporations...A UCSF study found that gay men who were sexually abused as children were more likely to have unprotected sex...San Francisco Pride chose almost a dozen people to serve as Grand Marshal at their annual parade...CARES held a parking lot luau to celebrate their twelfth anniversary...

June 1

Lambda Center hosted their annual Freedom Fair at Southside Park...Vermont's Governor Howard Dean delivered the keynote speech at California Alliance For Pride and Equality's (CAPE) Fair Workplace Project Luncheon...National Gay and Lesbian Task Force elected Lorri L. Jean as their new executive director...Ronald Edward Gay plead guilty to killing one man and injuring six others during the "Roanoke-7" trial...Betty DeGeneres joined Human Rights

Film Festival prepared for their twenty-fifth annual festival...Lambda Players premiered Beautiful Thing in Sacramento...Morning-after anti-HIV drugs were made available at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan for people who suspect they were exposed to HIV...Florida Representative Allen Trovillion was accused of humiliating LGBT students on Youth Lobby Day...

July 1

Pink Triangle Coalition received a \$504,210 from the International Nazi Persecutee Relief Fund to help LGBT people that were victimized during World War II...FTM 2001: A Gender Odyssey was held in San Francisco...Home Depot added sexual orientation to their non-discrimination policy...Hawaii became the twenty-sixth state to pass a hate crimes law...The Life Ball was held in Vienna, Austria...Dr. Kerri Weaver, played by Laura Innes, won the heart of Dr. Kim Legaspi, played by Eliza

ment written by Senator Barbara Boxer that counteracted Helms' pro-Boy Scouts amendment passed Senate with a 51-49 vote...Shaun Martinez was arrested and charged with murdering openly gay teen Fred Martinez in Colorado...Minnesota became the third state in 2001 to abolish their anti-sodomy law...HIV education ads purchased by Bronx Lesbian and Gay Health Resource Consortium were removed from bus shelters after complaints that they showed gay men...Hosi Vienna's display on Nazi Persecution was destroyed one night before it opened...The Open Book was vandalized with "Straight As A Ruler" stickers...Michigan Womyn's Music Festival prepared for its twenty-sixth annual camp out...

August 1

John Cameron Mitchell's Hedwig And The Angry Inch received rave reviews worldwide...Lily Tomlin returned to San Francisco in The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life In The Universe...The first clinical trial of medical marijuana paid for by a county government was planned in San Mateo...Judge A. James Robertson, II allowed Sharon Smith to proceed with a wrongful death suit in the dog mauling death of her partner Diane Whipple...Fifty-two men were arrested in Cairo, Egypt and charged with homosexuality sparking an international outcry of human rights abuse...President Moi of Kenya encouraged citizens to abstain from sex for at least two years to curb the nation's HIV infection rate...

August 15

MGW released their new design and layout...National Gay and Lesbian Task Force added three Californians to their Board of Directors...Germany legalized same sex marriage...Willie Houston was murdered at a Nashville riverboat by an assailant who suspected he was gay...Indian drug maker Cipla developed a three-in-one HIV medication...International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission sought nominations for the Felipa de Souza Awards...Pre-Paid Legal Services announced that they were offer Domestic Partnership services...Sacramento Valley AIDS Walk expanded to fundraise for sixteen different local agencies....Uni-

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In Review

Campaign as a columnist...The murder trial for Reverend Edward Sherriff began...Michael Himovitz Gallery announced that they were closing...

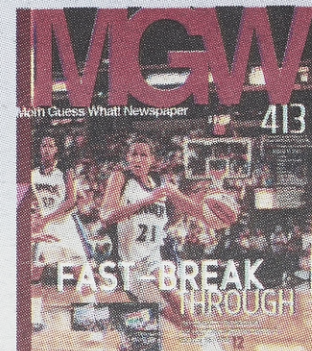
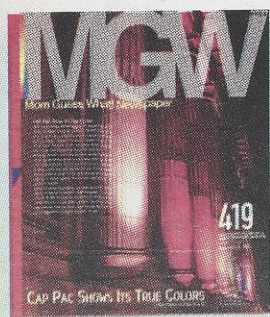
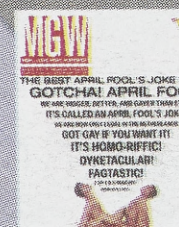
June 15

AB 25 passed the Assembly with a 43-29 vote...George W. Bush refused to recognize Pride Month...Texas Governor Rick Perry signed the James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Bill into law...Centers for Disease Control statistics showed that African Americans and young adults were becoming infected with HIV at increasing rates...Attorney General John Ashcroft was criticized for holding Christian prayer sessions in his office...San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay

both Mitchell, on E.R....An amendment written by Senator Jesse Helms that prohibited federal funding to schools that refuse access to the Boy Scouts passed with a 48-52 vote...Moulin Rouge was released in theaters nationwide...Centers for Disease Control research showed that there 107 needle exchange programs reported replacing 19.4 million syringes in the United States since 1994...The American Medical Association sought a ban on prescription drug ads on television and in print media...

July 15

MGW HIV and AIDS Editor Sonya Cox received "CARES Award Of Excellence" at their annual anniversary luau...An amend-





In The Company

BY STEFAN GRUENWEDEL
MGW STAFF

When mainstream American studios are still dishing out movies that mostly focus on men and their issues rather than women, it's comfort-

The Business of Strangers. Starring Stockard Channing, Julia Stiles, and Frederick Weller. Written and directed by Patrick Stettner. (Rated R, 84 min.)

ing to see independent producers and directors (even if male) filming stories about women that can appeal to large audiences.

The Business of Strangers is the feature debut of **Paul Stettner**, who says he wrote his screenplay after being inspired by some big-city, big-office temp work he endured. Although he doesn't say so, it could also be a response of sorts to **Neil LaBute's** controversial 1997 film *In the Company of Men*.

"One of the few advantages of being a temp is that you are invisible...a witness to conversations not usually afforded the rest of the permanent staff," he explains. "This gave me the opportunity to observe the subtle rituals and complex games of power in the business arena."

Stettner's script caught the attention of producers **Scott McGehee** and **David Siegel** of i5 Films in San Francisco, who themselves wrote, directed, and produced *The Deep End* (featuring **Tilda Swinton** and the Lake Tahoe area) earlier this year - another film with a strong female lead.

Of Women

Filmed amid the confines of an anonymous airport hotel, *The Business of Strangers* concerns the business of an ambitious corporate executive (**Stockard Channing**) who wonders whether her rise up the corporate ladder has been worth it. Annoyed that a temp worker (**Julie Stiles**) has messed up her offsite presentation for an important client by arriving forty-five minutes late with the crucial visuals, she wants to fire her. But after she learns about her unexpected promotion to CEO, instead of her feared dismissal, she decides to forgive her. After all, they're both stuck in the same airport hotel until the weather improves and they can fly home.

Thus begins an interesting, intense relationship that plays off these women's very different domineering instincts.

Both characters are polar opposites. Channing is in her 50's; Stiles is in her 20's. Channing is at the top of the corporate hierarchy; Stiles is at the bottom. Channing has sacrificed much to get where she is; Stiles is just starting out and has relatively little to sacrifice, yet may start down a self-destructive path that fails to benefit her in the end.

They begin by slightly antagonizing each other, but soon find a common bond that almost proves each other's undoing.

The nexus in their brief relationship lies in a headhunter (**Frederick Weller**) who is also stuck at the hotel, and whom Channing has used before to find her prime corporate positions. Channing is glad to have him around, but when Stiles meets him she wants to run the other way. The reason she gives Channing: he raped her best friend in college.

Understandably, tension mounts between all three people, which results in some vengeful behavior on the part of the women and questionable blame on the part of the man. This is not a film with a pat ending. Rather, there's uncertainty that leaves you wondering what "that was all about."

The women's conduct is as understandable as it is unsettling.

What saves the film from becoming a contrived mess is the restraint shown by both actresses. Rather than play their respective characters over the top - which could've been easy, considering what the script asks them to do -

they ponder their motives. The film may wander into some improbable territory, but by keeping it on this side of too-extreme, the result becomes an imaginative mind game rather than a hair-raising horror flick.

Seeing as it was filmed last year, *The Business of Strangers* can't help but look a bit odd in the context of today's world situation. Airport security is, of course not, an issue for these jet-setting corporate types, and Channing's software company is doing so well, she can afford to expense her own lavishly appointed room, Stiles' room, and both their impressive bar tabs.

However, perhaps this is a bonus. It elevates the whole story from something that's grounded in the present and it increases its longevity. That's important because the issues raised will likely be with us for a long time.

As of press time, *The Business of Strangers* is playing at the Tower Theater. If you miss it, consider it a strong choice for a video

rental. Info. thebusinessofstrangers.com.

Stockard Channing and Julia Stiles star in *The Business of Strangers*.

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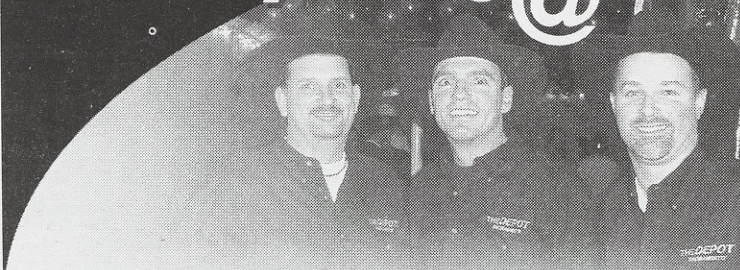
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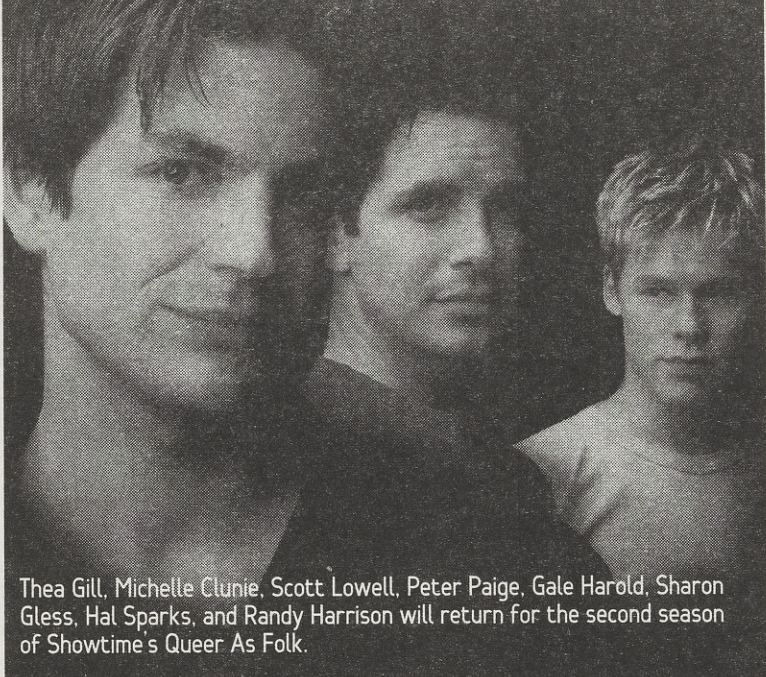


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Thea Gill, Michelle Clunie, Scott Lowell, Peter Paige, Gale Harold, Sharon Gless, Hal Sparks, and Randy Harrison will return for the second season of Showtime's Queer As Folk.

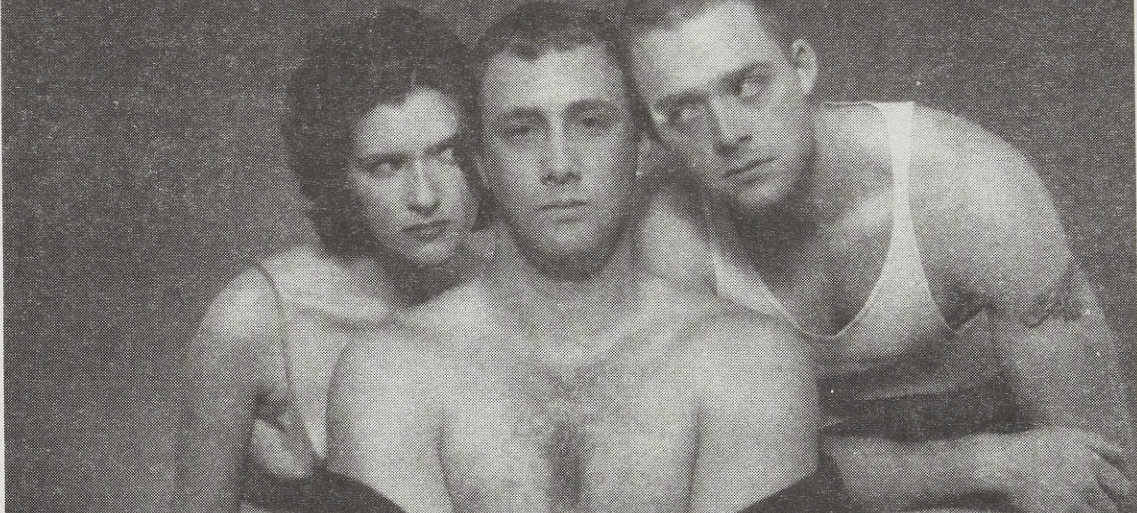
NEW YORK CITY, NY — Queer As Folk, Showtime's highest rated original series, will return for a second season beginning Sunday, January 6. Twenty new hour-long episodes starring the first season's cast will air on Sundays afterward. The program will continue to focus on the lives and loves of a group of lesbians and gay men in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The second season returns to Liberty Avenue several months later with characters still reeling from the gay-bashing. Michael (Hal Sparks) moves home, buys a comic book store, and shakes his mother Debbie's (Sharon Gless) world. Ted (Scott Lowell) pursues his passion for porn and asks Emmett (Peter Paige) to repay a favor. Meanwhile, Melanie (Michelle Clunie) and Lindsay (Thea Gill) hear wedding bells until Melanie's ex-girlfriend pays a visit.

The second season premiere coincides with Showtime's release of the first season in a video box set. All twenty-two episodes are available in a five-tape VHS set or a six-disc DVD, which includes almost three extra hours of behind the scenes footage. Both sets have a running time of 990 minutes. ▼

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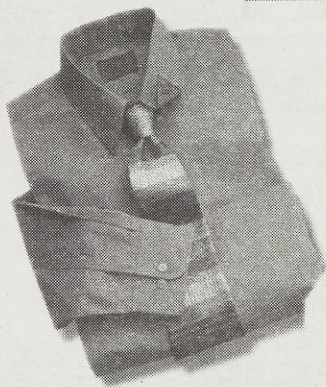
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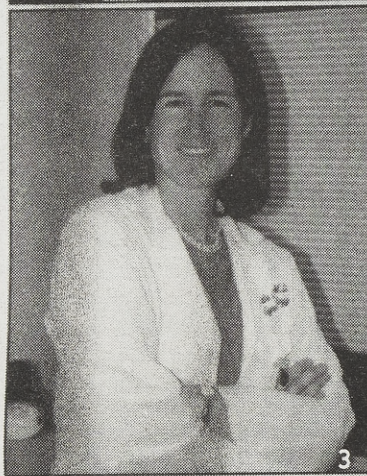
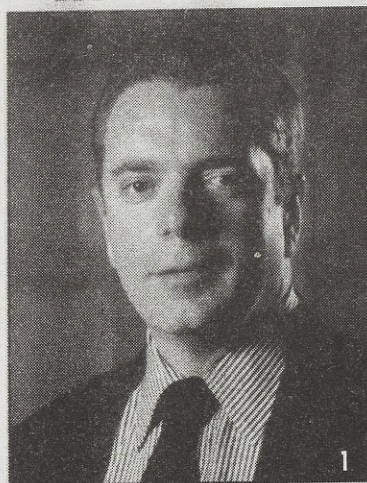
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In The Life Is Out In The Workplace



NEW YORK CITY, NY - *In The Life* (ITL) will present Episode #1104, "Out In The Workplace," on Tuesday, January 15 on KVIE Channel 6 at 11pm. The one-hour news-magazine series includes the following segments: *Power Players*, *A Day In the Life: Joi Cardwell*, *A More Perfect Union*, *A Day In the Life: Kate O'Hanlan, M.D.*, *Harmful Pursuit*, and *Outspoken Irene Monroe*. Correspondents **Andy Humm** and **Dan Karslake** join series host **Katherine Linton** in this episode.

In this encore presentation, *ITL* compiles past stories that concentrate on GLBT experiences in the workplace. *ITL* looks in on corporate America with the Gay Finan-

cial Network's survey of the most powerful executives, then examines disputes over non-discriminatory workplace policies at Chrysler Corporation. In a report on U.S. military practices, *ITL* discusses a specific policy that prevents LGBT people from serving in the armed forces.

Next, *ITL* spends a day with two leading women in their respective fields - Joi Cardwell, a "supermom" and disco diva and Dr. Kate O'Hanlan, an expert in women's health and advocate for educating fellow practitioners on the facts about homosexuality.

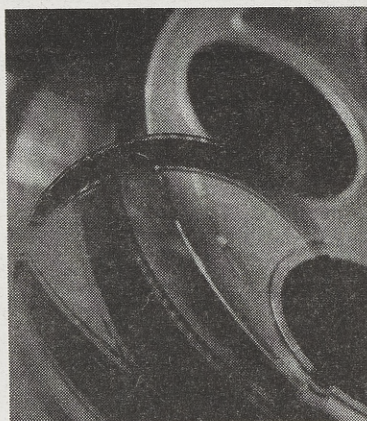
The episode ends with the remarkable story of Rev. Irene Monroe, her transition from an abandoned infant to Harvard doctoral candidate, and her fight

against homophobia in the African American community.

ITL continues "History Moments," a series of personal reflections about the progress made in the GLBT community, with actors **Patricia Clarkson** (*The Green Mile*, *High Art*, *The Untouchables*), **Dan Butler** (*Frasier*), and **Mel Johnson, Jr.** (*Total Recall*), and writer, director, and producer **Lee Rose** (*A Girl Thing*).

Info. 212-255-6012, inthelifetv.org

1. Gay Financial Network president and CEO Walter B. Schubert discusses the twenty-five most powerful openly GLBT corporate executives in episode #1104 of *In The Life*.
2. "Supermom" and disco dancing diva Joi Cardwell steps into the spotlight.
3. *In The Life* spends a day with Dr. **Kate O'Hanlan**, an advocate for education on homosexuality.
4. Reverend **Irene Monroe** recounts her transformation from an abandoned infant to a Harvard Doctor of Theology.



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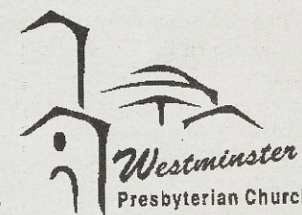


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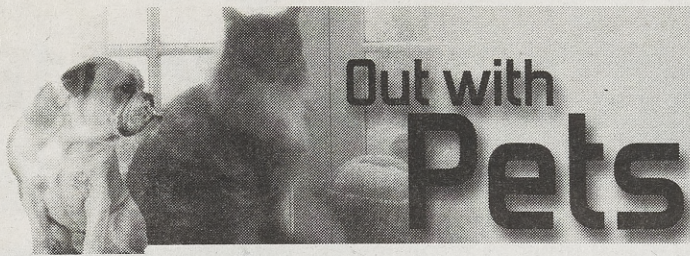
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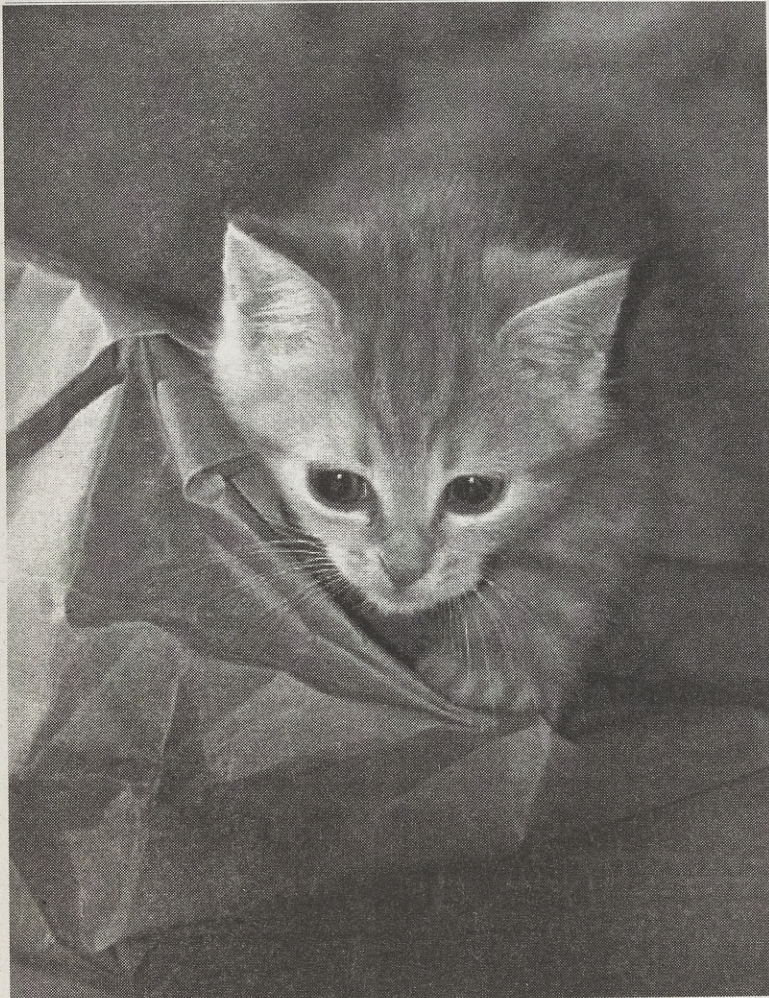
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How Well Do You Know Your Cat?



BY RANDY JAMISON
MGW STAFF

A cat's tail helps convey mood as well as maintain balance. These mood signals might help you determine your cat's willingness to accept your attention: an upright tail means the cat is alert, while a drooping tail means the cat is relaxed. A twitching tip of the tail indicates mild irritation, while a swishing tail from side to side, means, "Look out, I'm getting ready to attack!" Lastly, the easily identifiable bristled tail is the sign of a defensive posture.

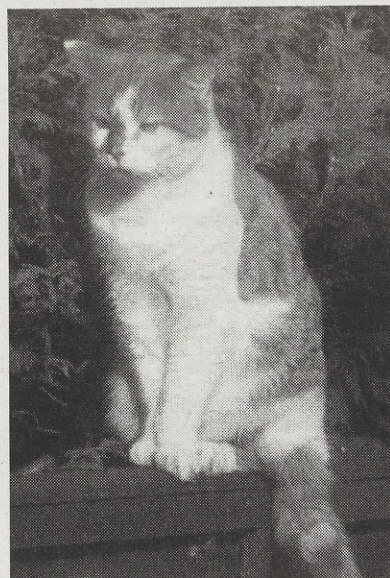
Cat Facts

- Adult cats have thirty teeth that are blunt and made for chewing and grinding. They have adapted for killing prey.
- The normal, resting respiratory rate for an adult cat is sixteen-forty breaths per minute. If your cat's resting respiratory rate is higher than forty breaths per minute, a trip to the vet is in order.
- The largest domestic breed is the Ragdoll, with males weighing between twelve and twenty pounds and females typically

Your Cat?

weighing between ten and fifteen pounds.

- A healthy, feline heart beats between 110 to 140 times per minute, twice that of the human heart.
- The normal temperature for an adult cat is considered to be 101.5°F, although a range of 100.4°F and 102.5°F is considered a normal reading – stress and environment can be a factor.
- Humans have better daylight vision, but cats can see six times better than humans in low light, due to the size and shape of their iris. However, they cannot see in complete darkness – that's a common misconception.
- The whiskers are sensory organs that are activated by touch and help a cat function in the absence of light. They are also directly proportional to the width of the cat, keeping them from crawling into tight spaces and getting stuck! ▼



Tips For Guinea Pig Health



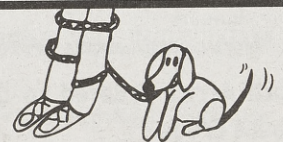
BY RANDY JAMISON
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A well-fed guinea pig is a healthy guinea pig. Good nutrition and cage cleanliness will prevent a lot of problems. However, problems do sometimes arise. The biggest health problems guinea pigs have are obesity, malocclusion (overgrown teeth), vitamin C deficiency, and parasites. As you can see, proper diet, nutrition, and housing will prevent all of these from arising.

In order to keep you pet healthy and happy, you will need to see a vet once a year or more often if the nails need to be trimmed. But you can do this yourself with a small clipper designed for reptiles or ones for newborn humans.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having a vet before you add a guinea pig to your household. Your animal should be seen by a qualified veterinarian within seven days of bringing them home, sooner if you have a shorter health guarantee. Never buy an animal whose health the seller will not guarantee.

The time to pick a vet is before an emergency happens. The last thing that you need is to have to search through the yellow pages for a vet that is familiar with guinea pigs. Have a vet before you need one and everyone will be better off. ▼



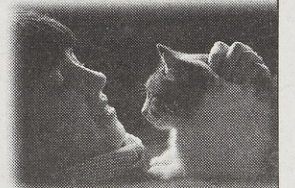
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By **SONYA COX**
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On the HIV Front

Social POZabilities...

Twice-weekly coffee get-togethers and monthly potlucks will kick off the 2002 social calendar for the new **Sacramento Valley POZabilities** group. Begun in early December, the concept offers a great way to spend time with other positive guys outside the bar scene. Beyond these two consistent activities, future events suggested by the growing group include a game night, rafting trip, volleyball, bowling, theater night, movie night, and camping. Some activities will be in a public forum, and others will be held in private homes to respect the confidentiality level of each person. Coffee socials are held at The Open Book (910 21st Street, at J) every Monday evening at 6pm and every Thursday morning at 10am. This is a no-host event and The Open Book sells a variety of drinks, coffee, snacks, and desserts. Stop by and enjoy. Potlucks will be held in the homes of members on the third Saturday of each month. (The first three months of the year are already spoken for!) January's potluck will start at 6pm on Saturday, January 19.

Info. sacvalleypozabilities@yahoo.com

South Africa ordered to distribute drugs...

South Africa's President and government leaders have long claimed to be unable to make a decision about the distribution of HIV meds to their citizens because they're still evaluating the feedback they're getting not only from the world's top researchers and physicians, but from a couple of maverick doctors who have told them that AIDS is not caused by HIV, and therefore the HIV meds will not do any good. The South African courts have finally stepped in - now that 4.7 million South Africans are positive and 200 babies are born positive every day. In a landmark lawsuit brought by AIDS activists and South African pediatricians, the courts have overruled the legislators and - at least as a first step - ordered that the government must immediately distribute the drug nevirapine to women giving birth in public hospitals, and must institute a nationwide program to reduce mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Studies show that nevirapine (NNRTI Viramune) can reduce transmission by as much as 50% when administered during labor. German drug company Boehringer Ingelheim has offered nevirapine free to developing countries, but the South African president never accepted the offer.

The government has been given until March 31 to report back to the court how the program, which includes counseling, testing, and distribution of baby formula as well as the nevirapine, is being handled. This court order is expected to save the lives of 50,000 babies next year alone. AIDS activists and physicians hope this first step will pave the way to make other HIV meds more widely available to the one-out-of-ten South African adults with HIV disease.

AIDS Walk proceeds will greatly help beneficiaries...

Participants in Sacramento's September 2001 AIDS Walk raised nearly \$53,000 which has been distributed to sixteen HIV/AIDS service agencies throughout the Sacramento Valley. The Walk drew in over 560 walkers, who were able to pledge money either for individual agencies, or toward a general fund distributed among the agencies involved. For the first time, the event was coordinated as a collaborative effort by a steering committee of service agencies, with proceeds more widely disbursed throughout the Sacramento Valley (to Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, Butte, Yuba, Nevada, and Alpine counties) rather than to only a few local agencies as in previous years.

And it was an amazing success, says event chair **Paul Curtis**. "Thanks to the incredible support of the corporate community in our area," he said, "the majority of the costs of the event were covered through sponsorships, which means that the majority of the money raised through pledges by walkers is going directly for services."

Thanks, too, to the steering committee group for their hard work - representatives from CARES, Breaking Barriers, AIDS Housing Alliance, CommuniCare, Chemical Dependency Center for Women, Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation, and Capital City AIDS Fund. With the success of the 2001 Walk, plans are already underway for the second annual Sacramento Valley AIDS Walk, set for Sun, September 22, 2002.

Samoan medicine-women to share drug profits...

The families of two Samoan women who passed on knowledge of a tree's healing powers will share in profits from any AIDS drug developed from the rain forest plant. The medicine women use the mamala tree to treat hepatitis. The plant's bark and wood contain prostratin, which studies suggest may also trigger dormant HIV cells so other AIDS drugs can attack them. In

an agreement with the non-profit AIDS Research Alliance, which is licensed by the National Cancer Institute to research the drug, the researchers promise to give the government of Samoa and the healers 20% of any commercial revenue it gets from the experimental compound. Scientists hope to begin the first clinical trials on humans within a year. If successful, the drug could earn millions of dollars a year for the Samoans. The National Institutes of Health would get 5% of any profits. All other profits will go toward AIDS research.

Food company starts new sideline...

A Jamaican food company says it would begin selling generic AIDS-fighting drugs at a reduced rate, lowering the price by as much as 80%. "Many people will no longer have to fill only half their prescriptions because they cannot afford it," says the chairman of Lasco Group food distributors. More than 12,000 people are believed to have the disease in Jamaica, a nation of 2.6 million.

Clinton, in new role, calls for action against AIDS...

Delivering the "Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Lecture on AIDS" in London, former President **Bill Clinton** called on governments, businesses, and individuals to do more to fight HIV/AIDS. Estimates of 100 million AIDS cases by 2005, he warned, could become a reality unless more is done to fight the epidemic.

Clinton, who now chairs the advisory board of the International AIDS Trust, called on western countries to give financial incentives to pharmaceutical companies to encourage them to continue working on an AIDS vaccine and cure. He asked governments to learn from each other, citing prevention programs in Cambodia that have seen a 30% reduction in HIV among pregnant women in four years, and a prevention and treatment program in Uganda that has seen the overall adult HIV rate fall by almost half in four years.

"All we need to do is take what works wherever it has been implemented, and implement it everywhere AIDS is...We can certainly prevent 100 million AIDS cases; we can certainly prevent forty million orphans. The tragedy of 2005 doesn't have to become a reality."

Dealing with facial wasting?

Many folks taking HIV meds are experiencing changes and shifts in the contours of their body fat, includ-

ing what might be described as facial wasting. A discussion of this topic by a local activist, whose own experience with the problem led to a lot of research and a very pleasant result for him, as well as a legislative push to get health insurers to cover the procedure, will take place during the Tuesday, January 15, group meeting of the Heart-to-Heart support group on the second floor of CARES (1500 21st Street, at N). The meeting begins at 6pm. Enter by 21st Street front door in the evenings.

Health Services forums...

HIV Health Services Planning Council assesses and prioritizes the specific needs for direct medical and support services for people living with HIV disease, and allocates over \$3 million in federal grant funding under the **Ryan White CARE Act** to providers of HIV/AIDS services within El Dorado, Placer, and Sacramento Counties. Interested members of the public are invited to attend meetings or otherwise get involved with the council's oversight of HIV and other programs. Upcoming forums include:

- Wednesday, January 23 (10am-12:30pm) - Planning Council meeting at 1800 I Street in Sacramento
 - Monday, January 28 - The Planning Council will host a dinner and public forum at the Hart Multi-purpose Senior Center (915 27th Street). Dinner begins at 5:30pm and a discussion starts at 6:30pm.
- Info. 447-7063, x-362 or -371, community-council.org

The inevitable lawsuit...

Pallotta Teamworks of Southern California, which has operated the California AIDS Ride for the past eight years, is suing the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF) and the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center in an attempt to stop them from having their own cycling event in May, called AIDS/LifeCycle (see aidslifecycle.org). The two former recipients of California AIDS Ride proceeds severed ties with Pallotta in October 2001, citing organizational cost overruns, including the fact that only fifty cents of every dollar raised was directly benefiting people with AIDS. Responding to the lawsuit, the executive director of SFAF said, "It is extraordinary that a company that claims to care about people living with AIDS and HIV should try to stop a benefit to provide life-sustaining services to those very same people."▼

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Lesbians And Bisexual Women And HIV

BY DR. JEFF CHERNIN PH.D.
MGW STAFF

Women have not fared as well as men in the in regard to HIV/AIDS treatment due to a relative lack of research and services. Lesbians and bisexual women have fared even worse. Despite very little research on lesbians/bisexual women and HIV, there have been a small number of studies which discuss risk factors for lesbians. Once considered invincible (there was an old adage that "If AIDS is God's curse, lesbians must be God's chosen people"), lesbians and bisexual women face similar concerns as heterosexuals and gay men in regard to contracting HIV.

While I am not a medical doctor, I did research for an upcoming book, and there is information which may be helpful to the women readers of this column. Therefore, be sure to consult a medical doctor about any decisions related to what you may read here.

Regarding woman-to-woman transmission, lesbians and bisexual women are at risk for HIV transmission in several ways. Several researchers have found that the virus is present in vaginal and cervical secretions, menstrual blood,



and blood from vaginal or rectal trauma. Therefore, female-to-female transmission is possible during sex.

Most often, however, lesbians acquire the virus through intravenous drug use. Needle sharing among drug addicted individuals is an extremely high risk factor. But since female-to-female transmission is possible, although the chances are not as high as they are as with male/female vaginal or anal intercourse and male/male anal sex, safer sexual guidelines should be considered, and hopefully, utilized.

For lesbians and bisexual women who wish to have children through artificial insemination, although safety at sperm banks is high, there is a risk factor for lesbians and bisexual women who are having children in this fashion, as fresh and frozen semen may carry the virus. Therefore, women should ask a prospective sperm bank if it tests donors at the time the donation is made and then six months later to secure the results.

A higher risk may be associated with sperm obtained informally by asking acquaintances, friends, or co-parents. The same precau-

tions can be made as with sperm banks; women can ask a prospective donor to be tested twice in a six month period. Due to the lag time between infection and testing positive for the virus, however, a donor could have the virus and still have results showing sero-negative status. Therefore, a prospective lesbian/bisexual parent should consider factors such as how well she knows the donor, what his sexual practices are, and so forth, before becoming informally inseminated.

Turning to lesbians and bisexual women with HIV, there is an unfortunate lack of health services. Although the tide is starting to turn, most cities do not provide services exclusively for lesbian or bisexual women with HIV, and there are extremely limited mental health services for women with HIV/AIDS, or programs which focus on HIV prevention, caring for women with HIV/AIDS, and research which examines the effects of medication on women.

In fact, the safety and effectiveness of many of the new drugs have not been tested on women, so the dose level and toxicity may be unknown. In one recent study, although the disease was found to progress similarly in both sexes, women with AIDS tended to die sooner than men. Lack of knowledge regarding proper dosage and toxicity levels may have contributed to this situation.

Furthermore, HIV/AIDS manifests itself differently in women than in men. Women need to be aware of PIV and other signs of HIV infection which are not generally discussed in HIV literature.

Due to the advancement of drug combination therapy, there has been a dramatic drop in AIDS deaths. The mortality rate, however, is dropping much faster for men than for women. Part of this disparity may be due to the notion put forth by researcher Silver in 1997 that, including the factors

related to dosage and toxicity levels of medication, women tend to be diagnosed later in the disease process, have economic barriers to care, and may lack the information network that is readily available to gay men.

Therefore, lesbians and bisexual women with HIV/AIDS have more obstacles to overcome in terms of preventing HIV and obtaining effective treatment. Ironically, this is the place where gay men found themselves ten to fifteen years ago. Back then, the U.S. had a president who never said the word "AIDS," and medical researchers were reluctant or afraid to conduct the necessary research to make headway that has recently occurred. In general, we have come a long enough way to help slow the spread of HIV, to develop prevention programs, and to provide care. But for women with HIV/AIDS, we still have a way to go.▼

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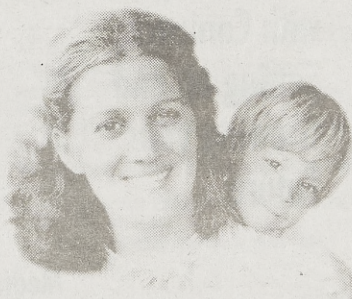


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Renters Insurance:

By Moira Little
MGW Staff

There are two big myths surrounding renters insurance. One is that it's too expensive and the other is that it's not needed.

Not having renters insurance is a pretty big gamble considering that without it, you face the cost of replacing your personal belongings after an event such as fire or theft. What's more, you could face the prospect of defending yourself in a lawsuit because of some accident for which you might be held legally responsible, whether it happened where you live or elsewhere.

In many cases, for less than a couple hundred dollars a year you can protect your valuables, like your furniture and clothes, from loss by fire, theft, wind and water damage or other covered hazards. But many renters still don't believe they need such insurance.

A survey conducted by Cambridge Reports, Inc. for the Insurance Information Institute found that fewer than three out of every ten renters purchase renters insurance.

Many renters mistakenly believe

Why You Need It

their landlord's insurance will cover their own belongings. In fact, it would be extremely rare for a landlord's policy to extend to tenants' property.

To determine how much insurance coverage you'll need, take a complete inventory of your personal items. An insurance agent can help with this by estimating the total value of your property. You'll also need to decide whether to opt for depreciated or limited replacement cost coverage.

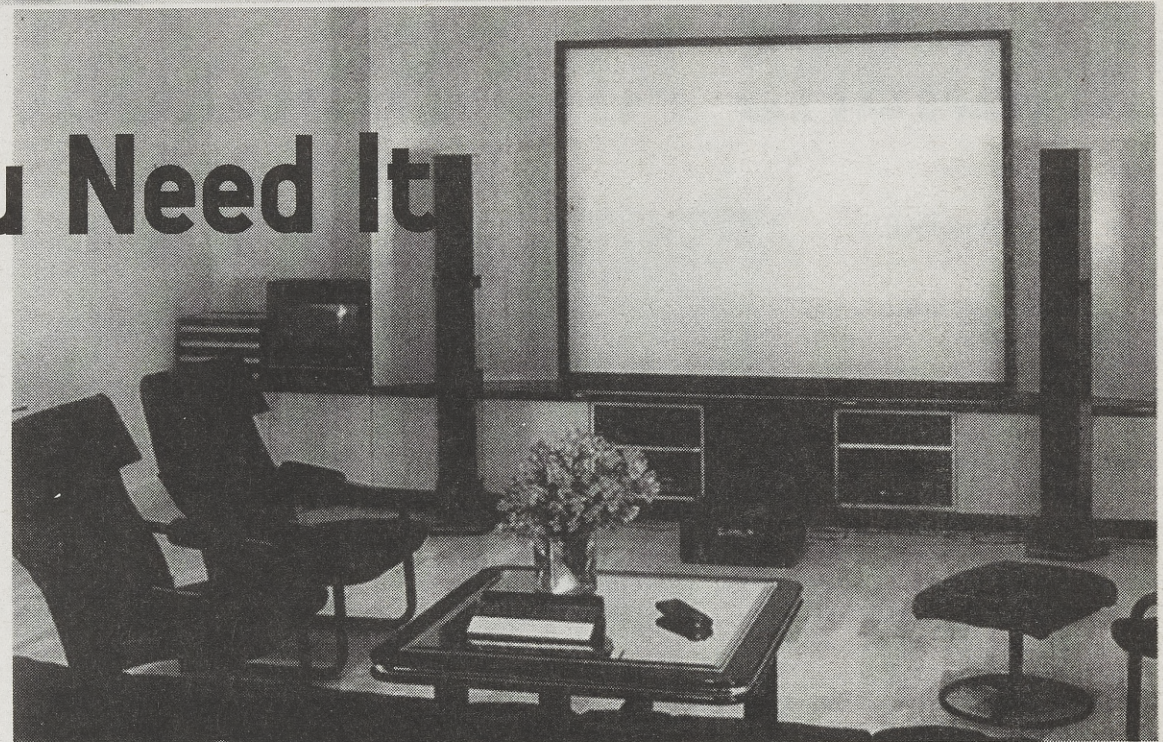
Depreciated coverage is the cost to repair or replace your belongings minus depreciation. Let's say you bought a quality sofa with an expected useful life of ten years. If it's now five years old and would cost about \$1,000 to replace, you could expect to receive about \$500 (less deductible) if your sofa was destroyed by fire. You would pay slightly more for limited replacement cost coverage, but you could expect to receive \$1,000 for your sofa minus your deductible.

You should also keep in mind that insurance coverage for some

types of personal property is limited in terms of dollars.

Renters insurance also gives you personal legal liability coverage and medical payments to others who are accidentally injured while in your home or apartment or elsewhere if the injuries are caused by your actions. And, if you are forced to live elsewhere because of damage to your residence due to a covered loss, renters insurance covers additional living expenses.

Remember, you may not own the building in which you live, but you still need to have insurance to protect your property in the case of fire, theft or other hazards. ▼



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1 TUESDAY

VIENNA PHILHARMONIC CONCERT, 8am, 90.9 KKPR & 91.7 KXSR, 480-5900

2 WEDNESDAY

EBONY ARCHIVES READING GROUP, 8:30pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

FRONTRUNNERS FUN RUN, 6:30pm, McKinley Park near the tennis courts, frsjames@home.com

NATURE HIKE, 8am, 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 489-4918

3 THURSDAY

EARTH DAY 2002 PLANNING MEETING, 6pm, Natural Foods Co-op Learning Center, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., 739-6705, saearthday@aol.com

ECLECTIC TRASH READING GROUP, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

NEW CO-OP MEMBER ORIENTATION DAY, Davis Co-op, 620 G St., Davis, 530-758-2095 ext. 39

POZABILITIES MEETING, 10am, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004, sacvalleypozabilities@yahoo.com

SEWING CLASS, Food Co-op, 620 G St., Davis, atkinson@daviscoop.com

4 FRIDAY

BACW TGIF, 6pm, Sausage Factory, 517 Castro St., SF, bacw.org

SAC. MONARCHS MEET & GREET, 5:30pm, Downtown Old Navy Ice Rink, 419-WNBA

5 SATURDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER PINOCHLE, 6pm, 971-9337

FRONTRUNNERS FUN RUN, 9am, Guy West Bridge near CSUS, frsjames@home.com

OAS BIRD & BUDDHA DAY TRIP, near Gridley, 331-2078

6 SUNDAY

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS BENEFIT, Ursula Knudson, Marta Belen, & Thomas Hulse, 2pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1500 27th St., 452-4380

DYKES OUT TOGETHER COFFEE, 1:30pm, Peet's Coffee, 723-8793

HAWK TALK, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 489-4918

ORGANIST DICK CENCIBAUGH CONCERT, 2pm, Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse, 7997 California St., Fair Oaks, 682-9699

SAC. VALLEY LEATHERMEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 10am, Faces, 2000 K St., geocities.com/svl_club

7 MONDAY

FRONTRUNNERS FUN RUN, 6:30pm, McKinley Park near the tennis courts, frsjames@home.com

DYKES OUT TOGETHER MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, 726-7664

LLACE BOARD MEETING, 7pm, 1414 21st St., 492-0558

POZABILITIES SOCIAL, 6pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004, sacvalleypozabilities@yahoo.com

TALK SHOW AUDITIONS, 7pm, 1028 R St., 933-7171

8 TUESDAY

CA WORKING FAMILIES POLICY SUMMIT, 8:30am, Convention Center Room 306, 1400 J St., 944-4935

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES BEGINNER CLASS, 6:30pm, Jefferson School, 2001 Pebblewood Dr., Natomas, 929-8697

GLBT VIDEO NIGHT, 7pm, LLACE, 1414 21st St., 492-0558

9 WEDNESDAY

FRONTRUNNERS FUN RUN, 6:30pm, McKinley Park near the tennis courts, frsjames@home.com

OAS POTLUCK DINNER, 7pm, 947-5328

10 THURSDAY

POZABILITIES SOCIAL, 10am, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004, sacvalleypozabilities@yahoo.com

11 FRIDAY

SAC. BAROQUE SOLOIST WINTER CONCERT, 8pm, William Geary Theater, 2130 L St., 705-3806

12 SATURDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER MOASIC ART, 11am, 489-9039

FROG OR TOAD?, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 489-4918

FRONTRUNNERS FUN RUN, 9am, Guy West Bridge near CSUS, frsjames@home.com

KIDS CAN COOK!, 4pm, Davis Co-op, 620 G St., Davis, 530-758-2667

SAC. BAROQUE SOLOIST WINTER CONCERT, 8pm, William Geary Theater, 2130 L St., 705-3806

13 SUNDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER PINOCHLE, 2pm, 971-9337

Theatre/Dance/Orchestra

AMER. RIVER THEATRE; Harvey, Mar. 1-10; Thieves' Carnival, Apr. 26-May 5; 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8234

CA MUSICAL THEATRE; Lost in the Stars, Jan. 10-21; CSUS Sashta Hall, 6000 J St., 557-1999

CA WIND ORCHESTRA; Roswell & Dr. David Ehrke, Feb. 16; Ron Romm & Youth Artist Competition Winner, Apr. 21; Crest Theater, 1013 K St., 489-2576

CHAUTAUQUA THEATRE; Bee-Luther-Hatchee, Jan. 11-Feb. 16; Bus Stop, Mar. 1-Apr. 6; Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Apr. 19-May 25; 5325 Engle Rd., Carm., 489-7529

CSUS; Chamber Ensemble of the Pacific, Jan. 31; Spring Alumni Review, Feb. 16-17; Kronos Quartet, Feb. 19; Santos & Santos, Mar. 7-17; Robert Taub, Mar. 17; Bimbeta, Apr. 14; Pirates of Penzance, Apr. 11-21; Medea, May 2-12; S/BAD, Sept. 19-29; Dale Scholl Dance/Art, Nov. 1-17; Dance Recital, Dec. 6-8; S/BAD, Feb. 20-23; Dale Scholl Dance/Art, Mar. 7-23; Dance Concert, Apr. 10-13; 6000 J St., 278-4323

GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE; Forever Plaid, thru Jan. 6; Groucho - A Life in Revue, Jan. 11-Mar. 3; Death Trap, Mar. 8-Apr. 28; Bleacher Bums, may 3-June 23; Charley's Aunt, July 19-Sept. 8; Driving Miss Daisy, Sept. 13-Nov. 3; The World Goes Round, Nov. 8-Jan. 5; 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 985-6361

GOLD COUNTRY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA; Beethoven Trilogy, Jan. 26; Schoenberg Concert, Mar. 9; Spirit Of America, Apr. 6; First Church of Christ Scientist, 2300 Capitol Ave., 457-3337

MARINES MEMORIAL THEATRE; Stomp, ongoing; 609 Sutter St., SF, 877-771-6900

NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY; Hungarian Rhapsody, Jan. 13-15; Song from Scandinavia, Mar. 3-5; All American, Apr. 7-9; Apr. 28-30; Family Concert, Apr. 27; 707-226-6872

PAMELA TROKANSKI DANCE WORKSHOP; Winter Session begins Jan. 2; 911 3rd St., Davis, 530-756-3949

RIVER STAGE; Playwright's Festival of New Works, Feb. 7-10, 2002; Gunfighter: A Gulf War Chronicle, Apr. 10-May 12, 2001; Acts Unbecoming a Golem, July 10-28, 2002; Cosumnes River College, 8401 Center Pkwy., 691-7364

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT; Mike Uryga, Jan. 5; Rob Nash, Jan. 12; Polar Bear Weekend, Jan. 18-20; Sabrina Matthews, Jan. 19; Cheryl Vendetti, Jan. 26; 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

SAC. MEN'S CHORUS; Burn Baby Burn!, Mar. 10-15; The Lavendar Muse, June 23-29; Jean Runyon Little Theater, 1500 J St., 264-5181

SAC. THEATRE COMPANY; Benched, thru Feb. 24; On The Way To Love, Jan. 15-Feb. 10; The Pavilion, Feb. 25-Mar. 24; Almost Grown Up, Mar. 27-June 2; Picasso At The Lapin Agile, Apr. 16-May 12; 1419 H St., 443-6722

SAN FRANCISCO OPERA COMPANY; The Merry Widow, thru Jan. 19; Tosca, thru Jan. 20; Madama Butterfly, June 9-July 5; Carmen, June 8-July 6; Giulio Cesare, June 19-July 7; War Memorial Opera House, 455 Franklin St., SF, 415-861-3330, sfopera.com

THE STUDIO THEATRE; Talk Show, Feb. 8-Mar. 22; Six Women With Brain Death, ongoing; 1028 R St., 446-2668

THEATRE ON THE SQUARE; The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life In The Universe, thru Feb. 3; 450 Post St., 415-433-9500

THEATRE RHINOCEROS; Design For Living, Jan. 17-Feb. 16; location varies SF, 415-861-5079

UC DAVIS PRESENTS; Ken Burns, Jan. 11; The Chieftains, Jan. 12; Dance Theatre of Harlem, Jan. 14-15; National Acrobatics of Taiwan (R.O.C.), Jan. 17; Midori & Robert McDonald, Jan. 19; Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, Jan. 24; Imago: Frogz, Jan. 26; Rubin Carter, Jan. 30; Stefan Harris Quartet, Feb. 1; 530-757-3199, ucdavisrepresents.ucdavis.edu

THE WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE; The Heiress, Feb. 1-24; Eleanor, An American Love Story, Apr. 5-28; Corpset!, May 24-June 16; 340 Second St., Woodland, 530-666-9617

ON THE EAST SIDE, 5pm, La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, girlwmdr@pacbell.net

TRANS HISTORY: WHY PUT THE "T" IN LGBT?, 2pm, LLACE, 1414 21st St., 492-0558

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

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IN THE LIFE, 11pm, KQIE Channel 6, inthelife.org

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FRONTRUNNERS FUN RUN, 6:30pm, McKinley Park near the tennis courts, frsjames@home.com

17 THURSDAY

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18 FRIDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER POTLUCK & MOVIE, 6:30pm, 966-5264

19 SATURDAY

CHRISTY FRIEDERICH, 4pm, Davis Co-op, 620 G St., Davis, 530-758-2095 ext. 39

FISH SCALES & TALES, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 489-4918

FRONTRUNNERS FUN RUN, 9am, Guy West Bridge near CSUS, frsjames@home.com

OAS STEVEN'S TRAIL DAY HIKE, North Fork of Amer. River, oas_news@hotmail.com

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SAC. SIRENS FOOTBALL GAME, Cosumnes River College, 726-7664

WOMEN'S MUSIC NIGHT, Duval Speck, Ericka Luckett, & Kristi Martel, 7pm, Common Grounds, 2171 Cowell Blvd., Davis, 530-756-8260

20 SUNDAY

HABITAT IMPROVEMENT, 8am, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 967-0777

NISENAN INDIAN VILLAGE GUIDED TOUR, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 489-4918

21 MONDAY

BACW BOARD MEETING, 6:15pm, 55 New Montgomery Suite 524, SF, 415-495-5303

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL MARCH, 8am, CSUS, 6000 J St., 557-1999

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23 WEDNESDAY

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VOLUNTEER & DOCENT ORIENTATION, 9am, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 489-4918 ext. 224

25 FRIDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER BOOK CLUB, 7pm, 451-7191

ORGANIST DAVE MORENO & PILLOW TALK, 7pm, Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front St., 442-6802

26 SATURDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER PINOCHLE, 5pm, 489-9039

FRONTRUNNERS FUN RUN, 9am, Guy West Bridge near CSUS, frsjames@home.com

GLUTEN FREE BREAD COOKING CLASS, 4pm, Davis Co-op, 620 G St., Davis, 530-758-2095 ext. 39

GSA LEADERSHIP TRAINING, 9:30am, St. Ignatius Church, 3235 Arden Way, 482-9666

HOME SWEET HABITAT, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 489-4918

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28 MONDAY

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Art Galleries

BERKELEY ART MUSEUM; Face Of Buddha: Sculpture From India, China, Japan, And Southeast Asia, thru 2003; 2625 Durant Ave., 510-642-1208

CA PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR; Reva & David Logan Collection of Illustrated Books, Jan. 6; Artists' Books in the Modern Era 1870-2000, thru Jan. 6; Marks of Creativity: Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary CA Drawings, thru Feb. 10; Richard Diebenkorn, Jan. 19-Apr. 28; Dreaming with Open Eyes: Dada & Surrealist Art from the Vera, Silvia, & Auturo Schwarz Collection, Feb. 2-Apr. 28; Selected Masterworks: Marcia & John Friede Collection of New Guinea Art, Feb. 2-May 5; Joan Miro, Jan. 26-May 19; 100 34th Ave., SF, 415-750-3614

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART; Views of the Urban Landscape, Jan. 12-31; 1516 del Paso Blvd., 927-2278

CHROMA GALLERY; Little Treasures, thru Feb. 2; 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., FO, 966-6020

CROCKER ART MUSEUM; Holiday Spirit, Dec. 16; Compliments of the Season: A Victorian Christmas by Dolph Gotelli, Nov. 11-Jan. 6; 216 O St., 264-5423

DOIRON GALLERY; Holiday Art Extravaganza, thru Feb. 5; 1625 Del Paso Blvd., 564-4433

JAY JAY; Peter Stegall, Jan. 4-Feb. 16; 2906 Franklin Blvd., 456-7650

JOHN NATSOULAS; D.A. Bishop, Barbara Spring, & John N. de Wit, Jan. 2-27; 521 First St., Davis, 530-756-3938

MATRIXARTS; The Body Matrix, Jan. 2-30; 1518 Del Paso Blvd., 923-9118, matrixarts.org

MOCA MUSEUM; Douglas Gordon, thru Jan. 13; Matta in America: Paintings and Drawings of the 1940s, thru Jan. 6; 250 South Grand Ave., LA, 213-621-2766

PRESIDIO OFFICERS' CLUB; Meiji Japan: A Walk Through Time, thru Jan. 21; 50 Moraga Ave., SF, 415-561-5086

SAC. FINE ARTS CENTER; Pastel Society of the West Coast Signature Artists & Distinguished Pastelists Exhibit, Jan. 8-27; 5330 Gibson Dr., Carm., 991-2708

SF MOMA; *Tron*, Jan. 10; *Greed*, Feb. 14; *San Francisco Cinematheque 40th Anniversary Tribute: Recent Bay Area Films & Videos*, Mar. 14; Restaging the Everyday: Recent Work by Beat Streuli & Fischli/Weiss, thru Mar. 17; *Up & Out*, Apr. 11; *Hotel*, May 9; Eva Hesse, Feb. 2-May 19; Perfect Acts of Architecture & Jack Stauffacher, Mar. 2-May 26; Points of Departure II: Connecting with Contemporary Art, thru June 9; *Teknolust*, Jun. 13; *Scratch Cinema*, Jul. 11; 151 3rd St., SF, 415-357-4000

SOLOMON DUBNICK; Jack Ogden, Arthur Sordillo, & New In 2002, Jan. 10-Feb. 2; 2131 Northrup Ave., 920-4547

VIEWPOINT; Peg Keranen & Henry Paine, Jan. 4-Feb. 15; Sac. Valley Photographic Art Center, 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., 441-2341

WEINSTEIN GALLERY; Leonor Fini & Her Contemporaries, thru Jan. 31; 362-8151

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29 TUESDAY

DOCENT TRAINING BEGINS, 9am, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carm., 489-4918

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31 THURSDAY

NEW CO-OP MEMBER ORIENTATION DAY, Davis Co-op, 620 G St., Davis, 530-758-2095 ext. 39

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February

1 FRIDAY

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LANAE FESTIVAL, 1pm, CSUS, 6000 J St., 278-6702

2 SATURDAY

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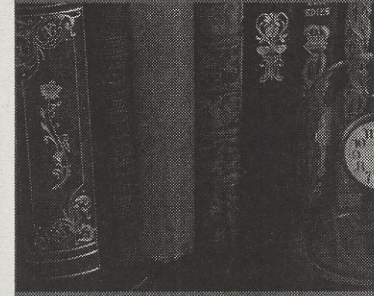
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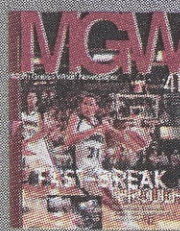
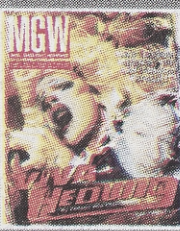
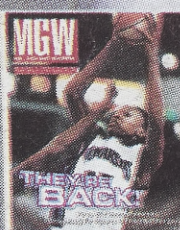
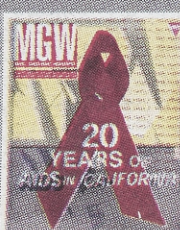
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versity of Texas researchers found that people with tattoos were nine times more likely to be infected with Hepatitis C...

September 1

John Dilulio resigned from his position as head of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives...Capital City Unity Council hosted a symposium on media...Club 21 became the new site for Bojangles...Capital City Squares announced beginners classes...Apocalypse Now Redux was released in theaters...Cathedral of Promise celebrated their thirtieth birthday...The Rainbow Festival was held September 2 in Southside Park...Pope John Paul was again denied the Nobel Peace Prize for refusing to agree with condom use...A wealthy Kansas pharmacist was charged with diluting approximately 150 prescriptions over several months...

September 15

Citizens united after the September 11 attacks...PFLAG administrative employees voted to unionize...American University hosted their ninth annual Lavender Languages and Linguistics conference...Crown Point Community School in Indiana forced teacher Donald E. Miller to take early retirement after he embarrassed an eighth-grade student by giving him a Valentine card with "fag" written on it...Reno celebrated Pride with a parade and festival...Leather and Lace Women's Motorcycle club changed their name to Sisters of Scotta...

October 1

The fifteenth annual gathering of Frontrunners was held in San Diego...The second annual S & M Festival was held in New York City...Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival planned their tenth annual festival...American Rhapsody was released in theaters...The third annual "Live! Girls! Girls! Girls!" show was held in Yolo County...Lambda Players presented The Dying Gaul...Ellen DeGeneres returned to prime time with The Ellen Show...The Hepatitis G virus, which is harmlessly carried by millions, was found to prolong survival of HIV-positive people...A South African woman filed suit against Glaxo Wellcome claiming that AZT hastened her

husband's death...

October 15

Anyone with a pulse laughed at Jerry Falwell's and Pat Robertson's claim that America was attacked on September 11 because the nation has turned against God...Former San Diego Pride director Mandy Schultz was reported missing...New reports of torture and misconduct were reported by the "Cairo 52"...Gerald Kennedy was named new director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network...Matthew Limon, 18, was convicted of performing oral sex on a fifteen-year-old boy and appealed his seventeen year sentence, testing Kansas consensual sex laws...Berlin, Germany released new tourist maps designed specifically for LGBT travelers...Capital Unity Council announced their first annual Unity Dinner...Ricochet In Time by Lorie L. Lake, The Wild Man by Patricia Nell Warren, and The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay: A Novel by Michael Chabon topped The Open Book's best seller lists...

November 1

Governor Gray Davis signed AB 25 into law...GLSEN released a comprehensive report on homophobia and violence in school...The Navy was criticized for allowing a soldier to print "HIGH JACK THIS FAGS" on a missile...Assembly Member Paul Koretz's AB 1338, a Vermont-style civil unions bill, advanced to committee pending debate and hearings...Senator Hillary Clinton called for domestic partners to be included in compensation programs for victims of the September 11 attacks...Joseph Hernandez, Susan Dianne McCoy Wolf, and Herb King passed away...Transgender pianist Sara Davis Buechner returned to The Open Book and Camellia Symphony Orchestra for two special concerts...MGW welcomed the addition of Ernie Phinney's "Views From The Porch" home improvement column...

November 15

MGW writer John Mello interviewed choreographer Dale Scholl on her twentieth season...A lesbian custody case questioned state adoption laws...The FBI Uniform Crime Reports for 2000 showed that overall crime decreased but the number of hate crimes continues to rise...A lesbian was sexually assaulted in

The Townhouse...Love's Melody Lost by Radclyffe and Ten Poems To Change Your Life by Roger Housdon topped The Open Book's best seller lists...Lazy Bear Weekend raised \$10,500 for the Ken Day Fund...Waking Life, The Man Who Wasn't There, and Thir13en Ghosts were released in theaters...America Online chat rooms were blamed for increased syphilis infection in San Francisco, San Diego, Boston, and Chicago...

December 1

Twenty-three men were sentenced to prison and twenty-nine acquitted during the final portion of the "Cairo 52" trial...CAPE released their 2001 state legislative report card...Holly Near announced a performance at The Palms Playhouse...Patricia Nell Warren planned to speak at Lavender Library...Sacramento Sirens defeated the Oakland Banshees...CARES was awarded a \$1.4 million grant to enhance programs for people of color...Dr. Jeff Chernin focused on same sex couple domestic violence in his bi-monthly column...The thirteenth annual World AIDS Day vigil was held at Riverwalk Park...

December 15

Lambda Letters released their 2001 California legislative voting report...American Medical Association voted to include Gay and Lesbian Medical Association in its Specialty and Service Society...San Francisco Opera presented Jenufa starring Patricia Racette...HIV infection rates soared among California Latinos...Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department began distributing condoms to gay inmates at its downtown prison...Dr. Jeff Chernin offered twenty-five tips to help survive the holidays...Club 21 and Faces planned a huge New Year's Eve party...



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